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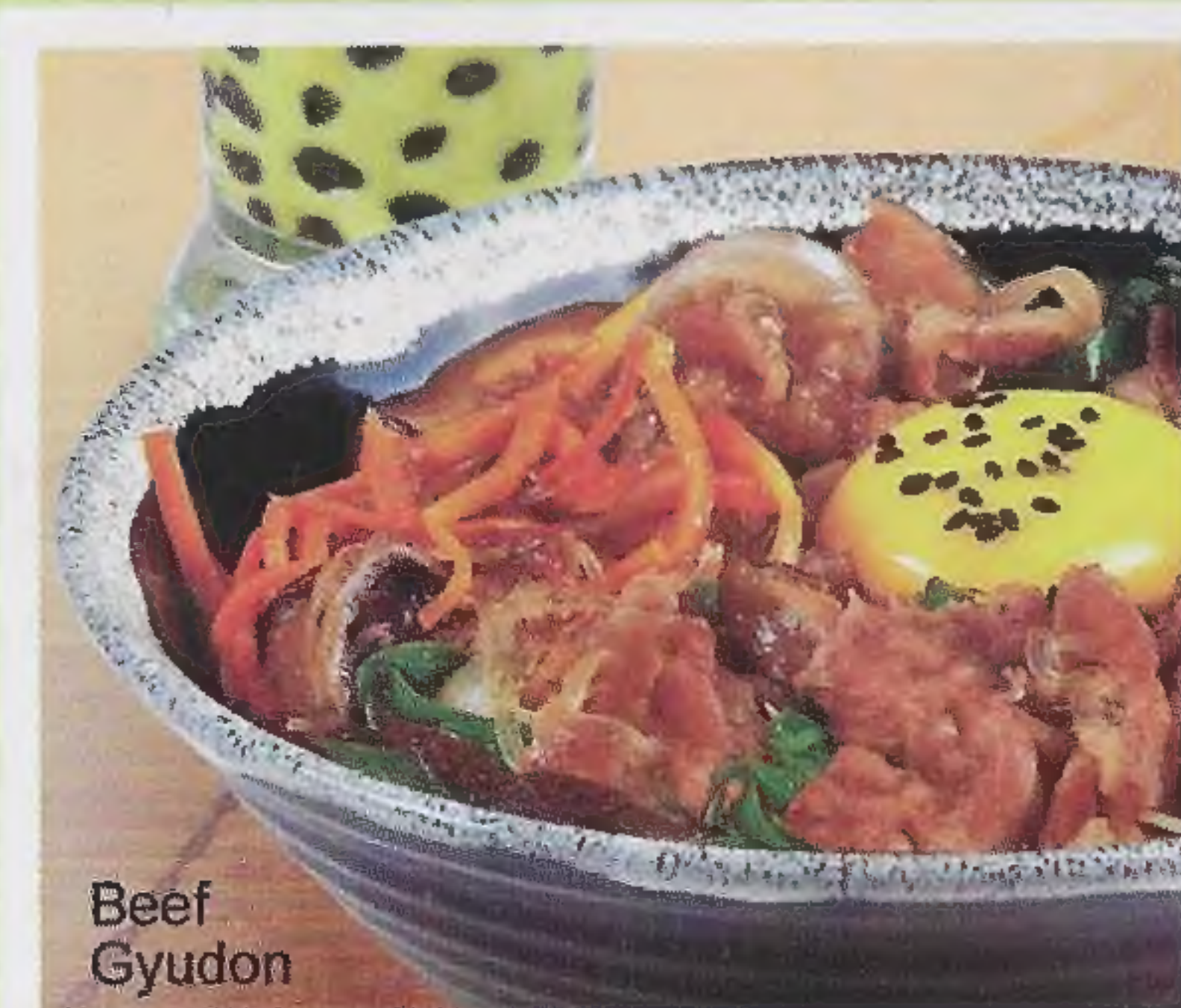


**Tokyo Bubble Tea** is a great Japanese place to have your lunch, light snack meals, dinner or even when you come with your sesame street pajamas to have your midnight snacks. It is a great place to hangout with your friends and family where our ambiance encourages fun and laughter from menu, service and comfy place all year round!



### Our Story

Tokyo Bubble Tea restaurant is a Philippine homegrown concept founded and managed by McWilson Group of Restaurants. It all started year 2007 when McWilson Group of Restaurants owners wished to introduce bubble milk tea drinks in Manila, along with Japanese style ambiance and food. The name bubble tea is derived from the drink popularized around Asia and we used it as our brand name to represent us that we specialize in brewing premium milk tea served with the best bubbles.



### Our Product

We brew our tea everyday to give you the top-quality, fresh, healthy and all natural Tea drinks served with fun soft-chewy bubbles, Tokyo style. In addition, we only offer good, healthy and freshly-cooked food to make sure you get the best out of your favorite Japanese cuisine.



Due to overwhelming response of our customers, Bubble Tea is planning to expand its business and open more outlets in and outside Metro Manila.

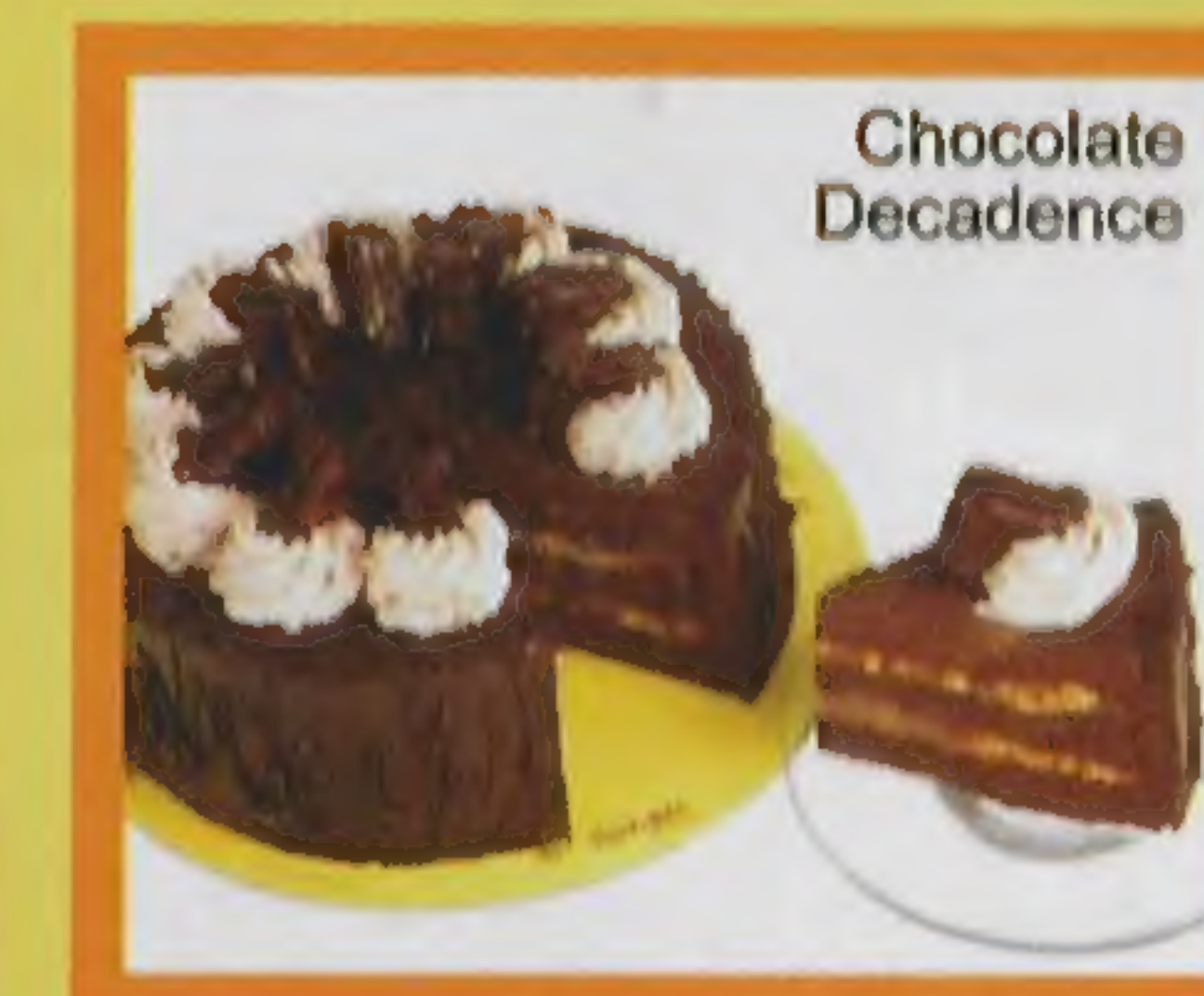
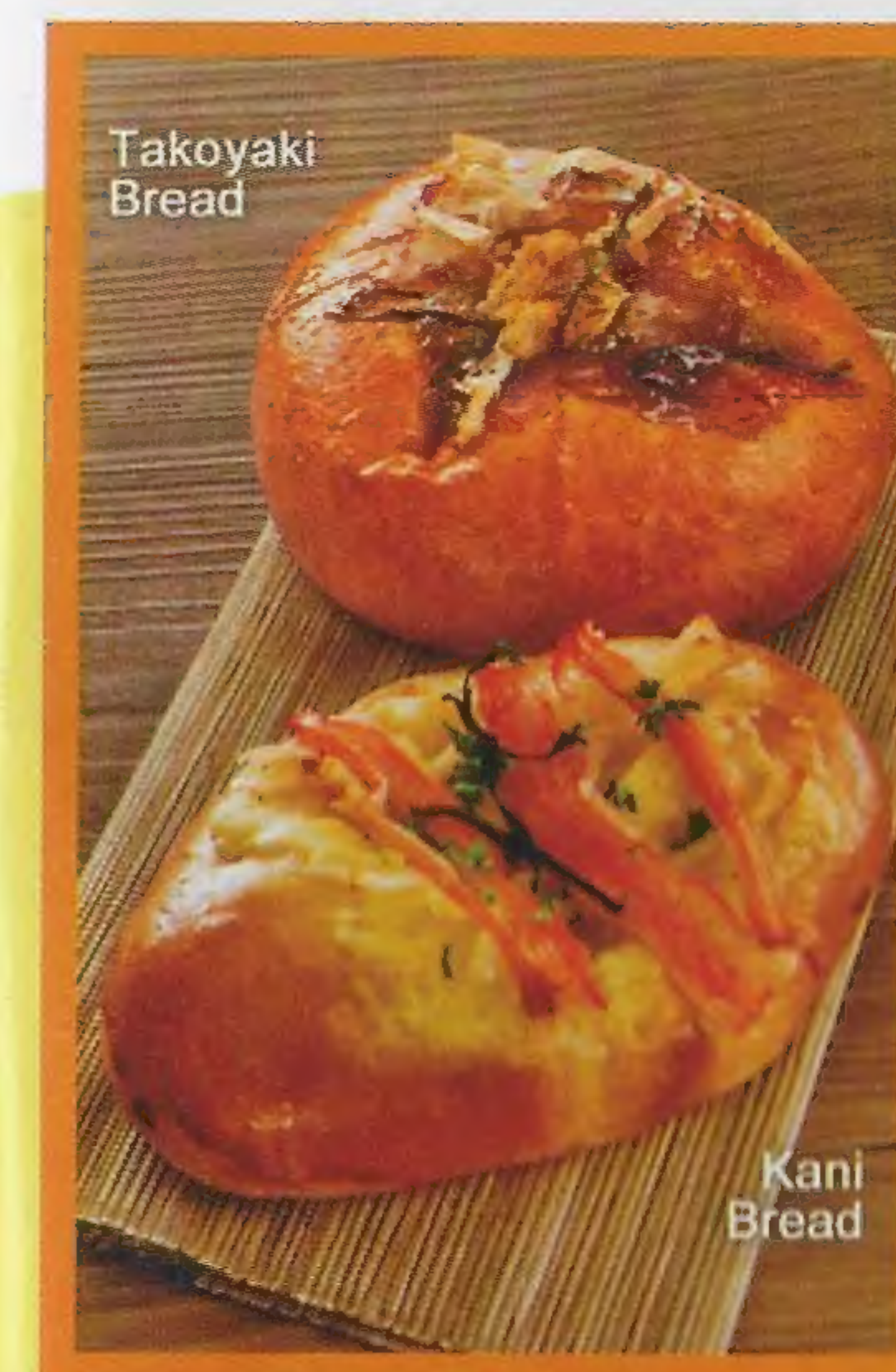
Currently, Bubble Tea has branches in SM Megamall & SM North EDSA-The Block, which started 2007, and in Tomas Morato, Q.C. & Wilson, Greenhills, which started 2010, at The Fort, which started 2011 and now open at Westgate in Alabang, Harborpoint in Subic, Robinsons Place in Bacolod and Marquee Mall in Pampanga.



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478-7483  
Mon-Sun (9am- 4am)

**Westgate**  
Unit 101 Cluster J,  
Westgate Center,  
Commerce Ave, Alabang  
511-0939  
Mon-Sun (11am-12am)



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# INBOX



hey guys, hope this drawing will be posted in your mag thanks made by yours truly,

-AmLorr Mollina



here's another fanart of mine hope you guys will like it btw, can't wait to grab OA issue#9 ... i just love the cover #Nisekoi keep up the goodwork

-Jay Marie Cabaes Montederamos

Hello I just want to share my artwork here and be featured in your mag. Hope you'll like it. Godbless and more power!

-Jennifer Baudin



hi OtakuAsia! I'm Jindee Bermejo and it's my first time to send fanart in OtakuAsia Mag and here are my fanarts, hope you will include these to your next issue. Thank you soo much in advance. God bless u.



Got Requests? Fanmail to shoutout? Fanart to showoff? We would love to hear from you!

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The school bell is ringing!

Are you an irregular at Private Magic University Affiliated High School or a 10th year Black Class of Myōjō Academy? Either way, we have everything you need in this magazine!

Just like any school should be, Otaku Asia is here to teach you. We have books on Ikebana and Origami from Tuttle, contact lenses from GWYshop, paint from Subsonic Forge and guide to drawing clothes from yours truly.

Our school is not be complete without the greatest (and shiniest) student council president, Satsuki Kiryuin an org. like URule!, an idol like Ami Eguchi and a cosplaying teacher like Lee Daine~

So take out a whole sheet of paper and let us start our school together!

- GM Kanddy

## Contributor's Question:

Which anime school do you want to go to and why?

Seiso Gakuen High School because if I can't be a music student, I would love to at least be surrounded by people playing lovely classical music.

-Ann Carmel Flores

Umesato Junior High School from Accel World. Internet in the school is so good, and you got a really cute student council president there too.

-John Robert Lim

Kunugigaoka Junior High School, Class-E from Ansatsu Kyoushitsu. So that I can be trained to become an assassin, receive the reward and be revered as the hero who saved the world from destruction.

-Seku Hara

Fumizuki Academy from Baka to Test to Shoukanjuu where students participates in the latest examination system and allows them to engage in inter-class summoning wars. I cant believe I'm saying this but, maybe that sort of environment could encourage me to..."study".

-Mikelle Abubo

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## TOKYO PREPARES FOR 2020 SUMMER OLYMPICS

The 2020 Summer Olympics and 2020 Paralympic Games will be hosted by Tokyo after winning the bid at the 125th International Olympic Committee (IOC) session in Argentina on last September 7, 2013.

Tokyo, prepares systematically for the Olympics. Their disaster prevention plan will consist of eight goal strategy that will slowly change Tokyo in case of a disaster happens before 2020. Japan's Prime Minister, Shinzo Abe believes that this disaster preventive measure to keep the Olympics safe despite Japan being usually targeted by natural disasters.

Three-year "action programs" break the goals down into manageable projects. For the current time being, the first plan is now being conducted until 2015 which involves 22 policies and 363 projects requiring a budget of approximately 2.7 trillion Yen or approximately 1 billion PHP. This project aims for a complete seismic retrofit of buildings alongside emergency transport roads, construction of wider roads and reinforcing most of the traditional wood houses around the vicinity of Tokyo.

The National Stadium, known to all Japanese people, is about to end its 56 years of history. The stadium will be dismantled in order to be reconstructed from scratch as a brand new stadium for the 2020 Tokyo Olympics.

The dismantling process will begin this July. It will take around 15 months, and is expected to finish in September next year. Told by Yoshitaka Takasaki, head of Japan's Sports Council in a press briefing. The construction of the new National Stadium will begin immediately after, and will take 3 years and a half. The council are aiming to have it done by the end of March 2019.

Tokyo is the first city in Asia which will host the international Olympic Games since 1964 Summer Olympic Games. Since Tokyo will be hosting the event, they also named the Olympics on their own, naming it to **Dai Sanjūni-kai Orinpikku Kyōgi Taikai** or Games of the XXXII Olympiad and also known as Tokyo Olympics.

## RUROUNI KENSHIN: KYOTO INFERNO ON PHILIPPINE CINEMAS

Rurouni Kenshin: Kyoto Inferno film will premiere in SM Cinemas on September 23.

The film adapts the manga's Kyoto Arc. The film is starred by Takeru Satoh as Kenshin Himura with Tatsuya Fujiwara joining the cast as the evil Makoto Shishio, the leader of Juppongatana whose goal is to conquer Japan.



## SUMMER SCHOOL FESTIVAL AT AKIHABARA

The MF Bunko J event Summer School Festival 2014 is now expected to be held on July 20 at Akihabara.

News about anime adaptations for light novels announced here and other publications by Kadokawa's Media Factory BC is showcase around the event. The festival usually packed with stage events, exhibits, and limited goods for sale.

Signing events with authors and illustrators will also be held at stores around Akihabara UDX building.

Check the official site: <http://www.mediafactory.co.jp/bunkoj/> for the latest information on the event.

## BLUE EXORCIST DOUBLE-FEATURE STAGE SETS ON JUNE

The Blue Exorcist double-feature stage play will run **Blue Exorcist: Awakening the Blue Flame Chapter** and **Kyoto's Unclean King Chapter** stage play from June 21-29 and hold 12 performances at the Ikebukuro Sunshine Theatre in Tokyo.

The play will star Hiromi Sakamoto as Rin Okumura and Masahiro Inoue as Yukio Okumura. Series creator Kazuya Kato work with the screenplay, and Daisuke is the director of the play.

Awakening the Blue Flame Chapter adapts the first arc of the manga in which the twins Rin and Yukio are faced with Rin's sudden awakening as Satan's son.

Kyoto's Unclean King Chapter depicts the story of the "Left Eye of the Unclean King" that is stolen from the academy. Yukio chases after the culprit, while Rin and the others look for the "Right Eye" that is sealed away in Kyoto.







# HOOKED BOOK

## THE MICRO LEAF

Sometimes you'll need to make very small leaves. As the size of our leaves diminishes, it becomes harder to obtain a narrow, good looking stem. This leaf folding pattern is designed with this problem in mind. The stem is created in steps 1 and 2 by a series of folds which resemble rolling, rather than folding, the paper.



1 Begin by rolling steps 1 and 2 of the Basic Flower Leaf on page 30. Fold the upper left corner to a point which is less than half way to the center. Do the same with the lower right corner.

2 Fold the upper left corner toward the center leaving a gap. Do the same with the lower right corner.

3 Fold the bottom corner up as shown. Complete your Micro Leaf by doing steps 4 and 5 of the Basic Leaflet on page 30.



4- Your completed leaf should look like this.



## Japanese ikebana for every season

Black Eyed Susan flowers can be made from very small pieces of paper to make tiny flowers like these.

## THE BLACK EYED SUSAN

The Black Eyed Susan is a large, relatively flat flower, which is easy to fold. For people new to folding, this flower offers a good introduction to more complex folding and an even better jumping off point for folding the Basic Flower Form (page 44). When made in larger sizes, this flower can add flare. In small sizes it adds little spots of color for added visual complexity.



Ikebana is a traditional Japanese art of flower arranging. With the book Japanese Ikebana For Every Season, you will learn more on flower arranging by Yuji Ueno's unique flower arranging style.

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Your flower vases and decorations will be livelier with the help of the Japanese Ikebana For Every Season books, so make sure to add this on your cart.



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# Drawing Clothes!

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Practice with **squiggles**, turning them into fabric.

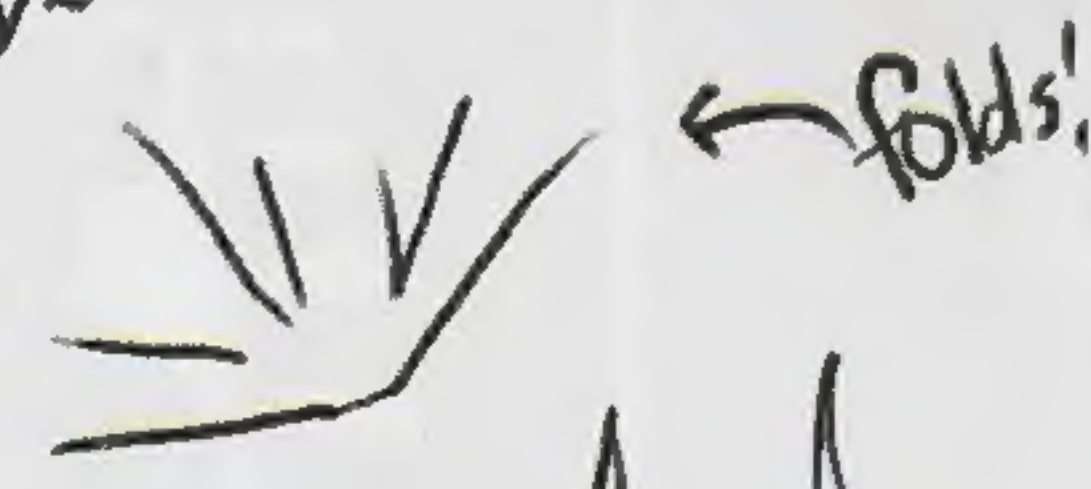
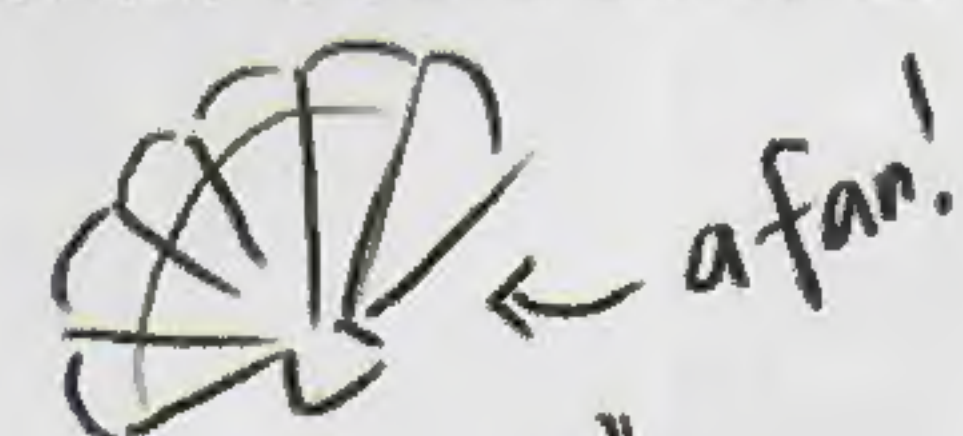
Remember that fabric isn't flat, it's 3D and has **shadows**.



②



Triangles will be your best friend. Folds don't fall into perfect place, it actually fans out. Imagine a fan. The head of the fan is where the body fight the cloth: chest, armpit, elbow, hips (but there can be exceptions). The best exercise would be to look at clothes everyday~



Breasts!

X No!



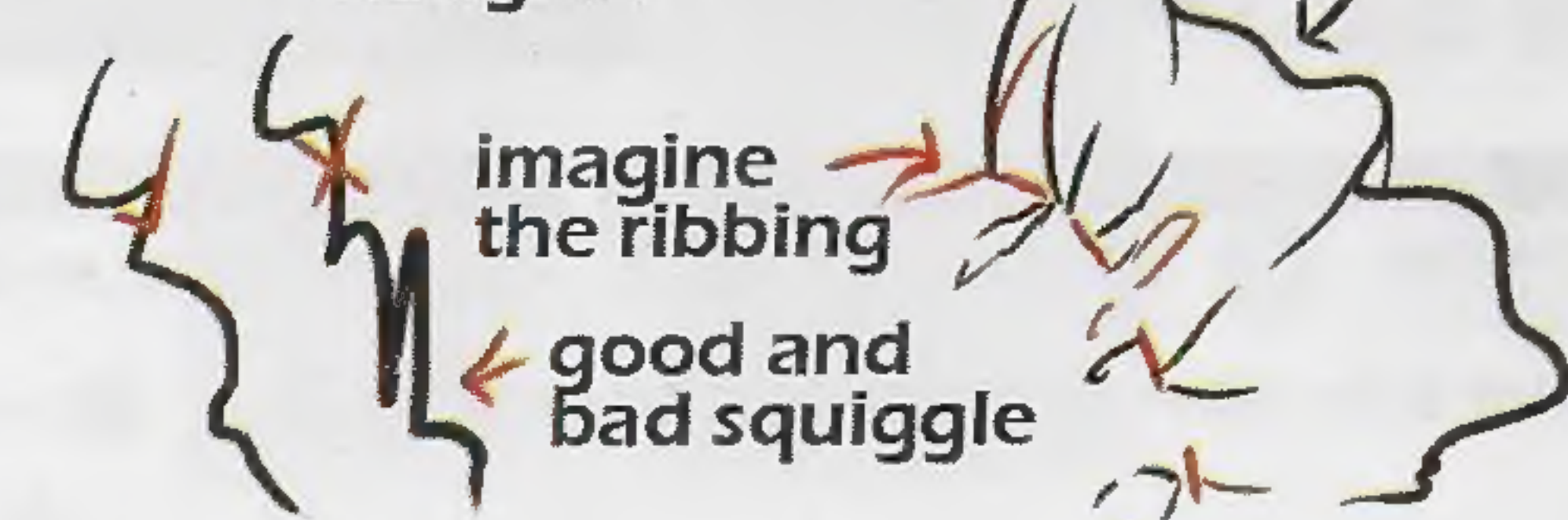
Puffs and ruffles <3

③

Ribbing is when a part of the clothing scrunches up the fabric.

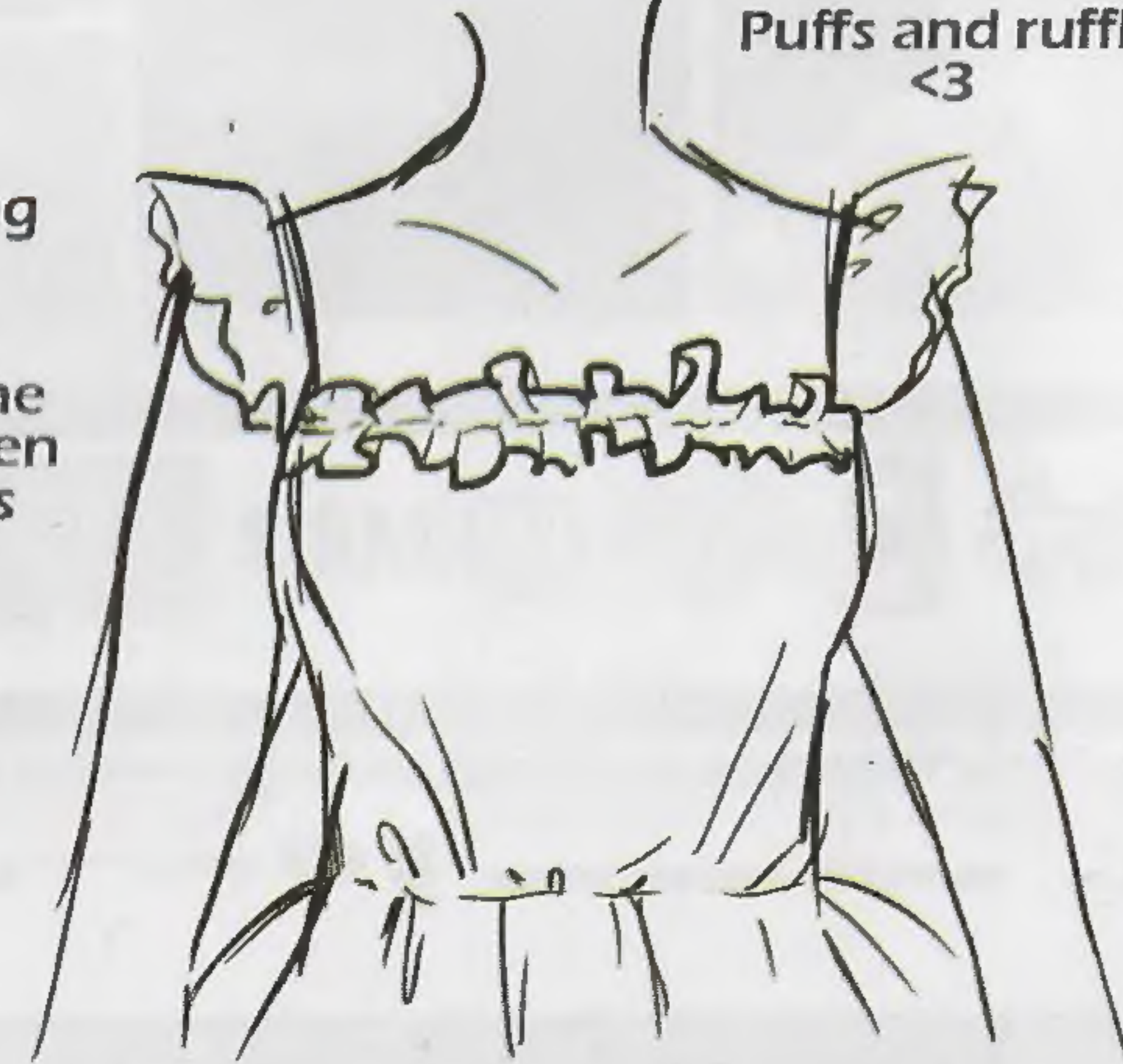
The lines go from the ribbing and out. Still remember your triangles!

Ruffles~ go crazy with the squiggles then just add lines



imagine the ribbing

good and bad squiggle



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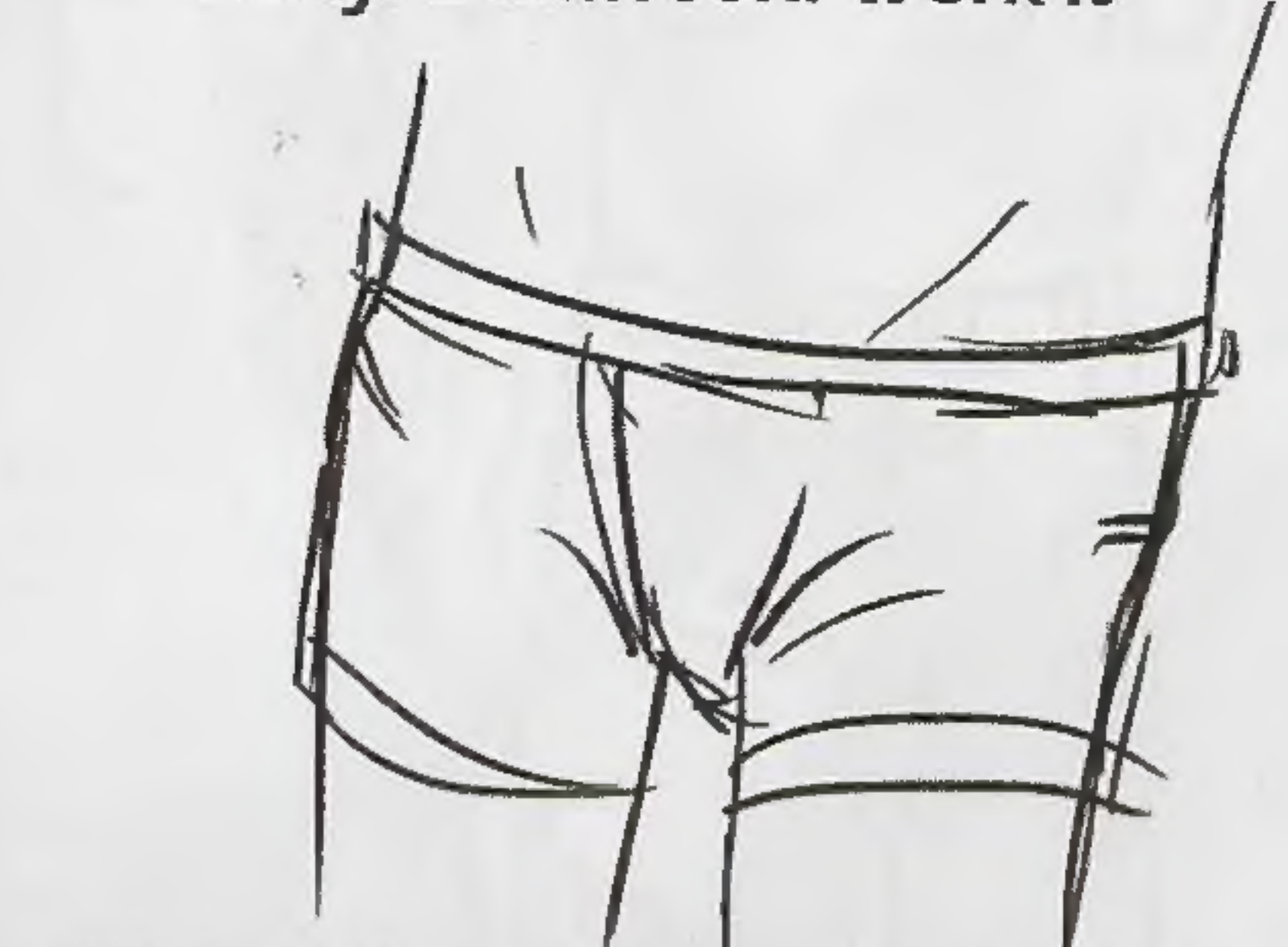
Light fabric flies and droops everywhere

Heavy fabric (velvet) tend to drop stiff

Tight clothes cling to the body. Damn son. Work it



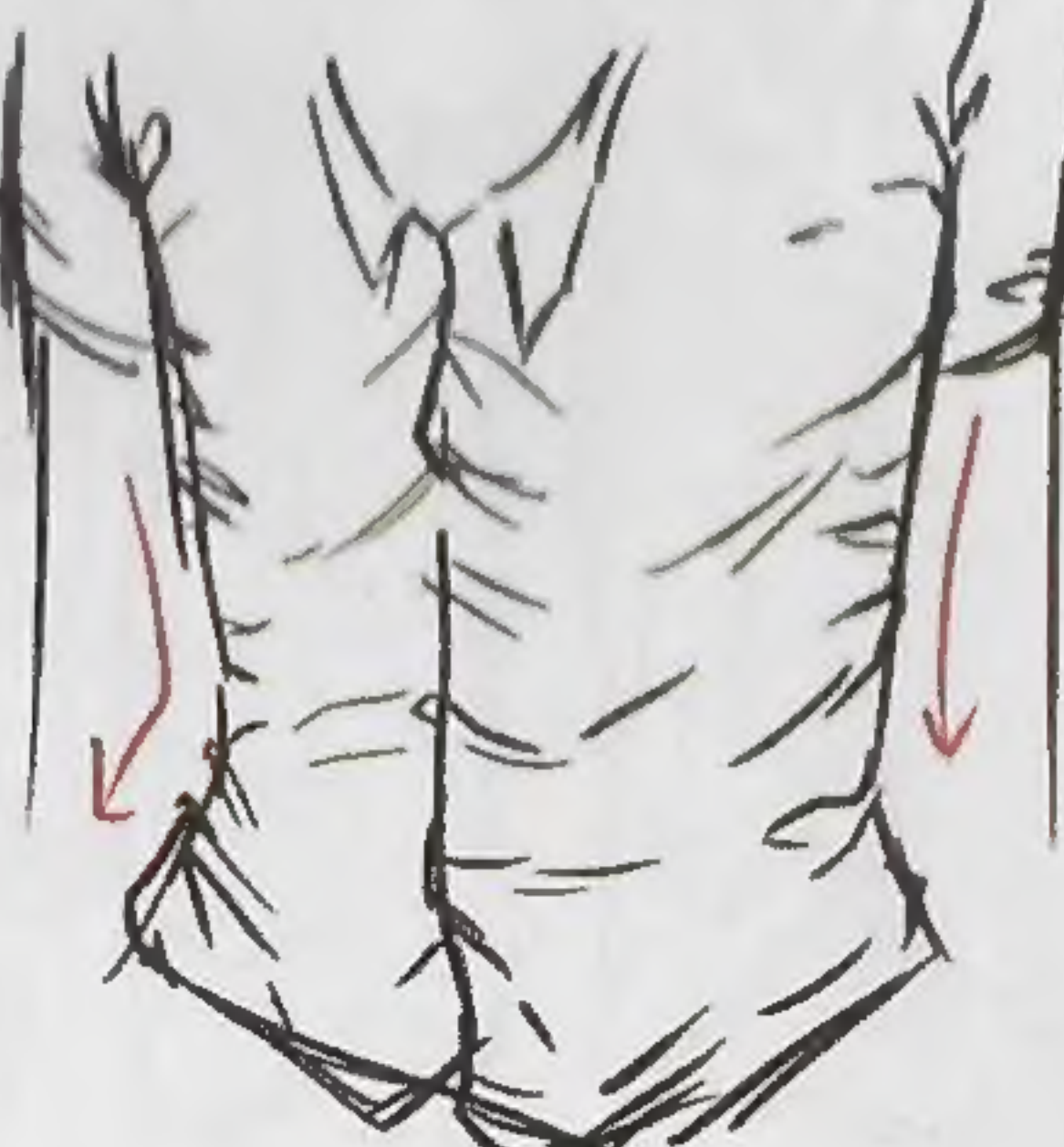
Levi is not happy because it looks messy... but it should be



Wet clothes stick closely to the body and has many folds and triangles

Wet clothes make the fabric heavy.

Droop the cloth downwards



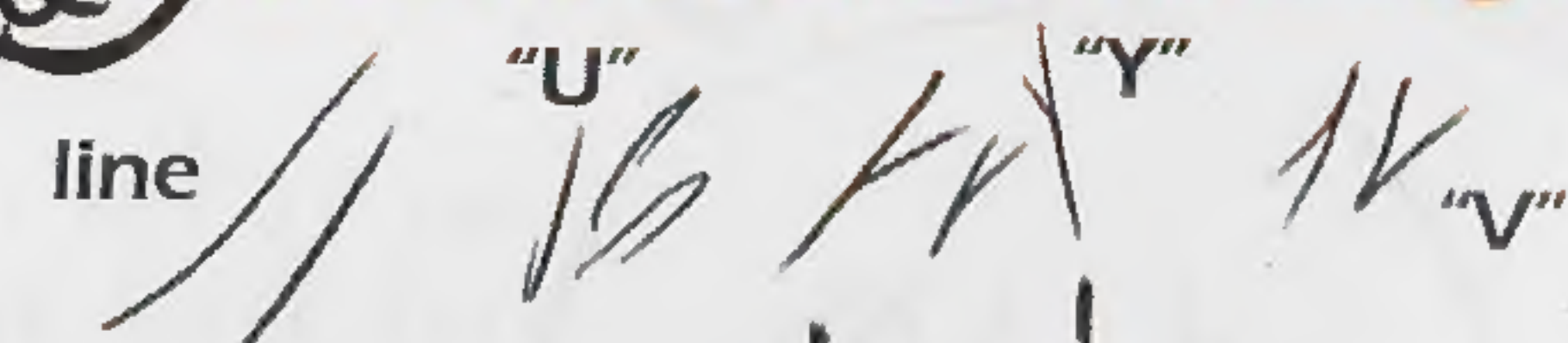
## Things to Avoid!

①

Avoid parallel lines! It rarely happens and also makes the fabric look flat. Again, clothes are 3D.

②

Don't repeat folds. Two lines, one U, one Y or one V is enough



It may look OK but it's not correct. pls no

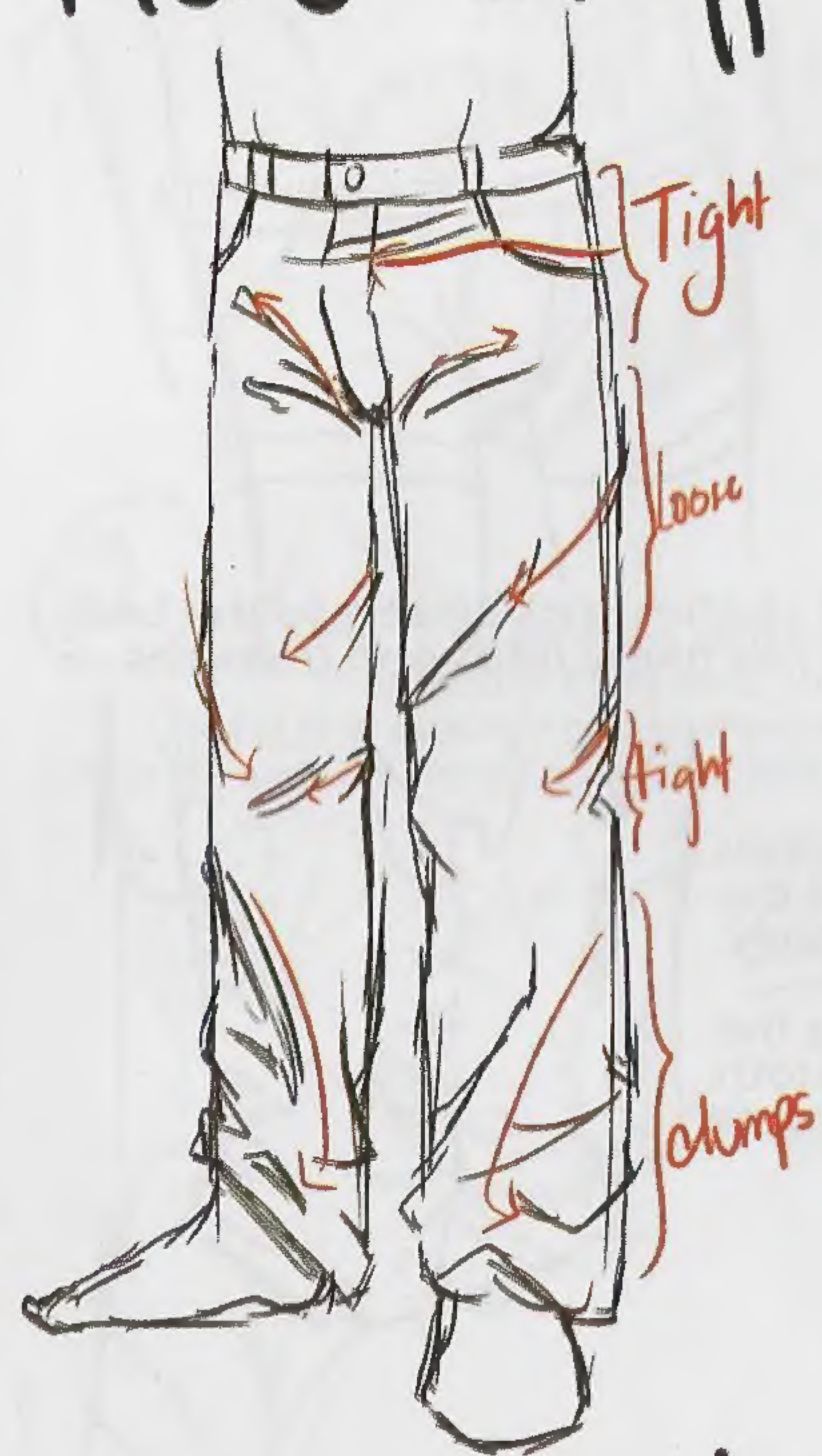


yes. remember the triangles





# More stuff you need to know:



## Step by step drawing clothes (sort of)



A LATE WELCOME & THANK YOU LETTER - NARRATION BY

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## Konapun by Bandai

by Philip

If you are interested in cooking but your parents would not let you near the stove, then try Konapun. Be amazed at the toy food that you'll be able to create with Konapun.

Konapun is a kitchen toy set that will let you cook ultra-realistic miniature fake food. Every Konapun set includes "ingredients" to make the food and adorable little utensils and cooking implements to make your cooking feel real even though all you're doing is mixing them in water. The toy was manufactured by Bandai from 2006 to 2009. Since then, other companies have also tried to make their own versions of the toy.

This awesome toy will make you feel that you're actually cooking. Use the utensils and ingredients in the set, and mix some powders to water. Just like the doughnut, where you drop the fake doughnut into the fake oil and it will bubble as if it was really frying.

Well, there is an explanation for this magic. For this kind of items where it includes oil in cooking, the oil contains citric acid which interacts with the alginate and it forms tiny bubbles which stimulates the frying effect. The same happens in other sets like in hamburgers, tempura, spaghetti sauce and the like, where it contains different contents to show different effects, making your cooking experience seem realistic.

Bandai manufactured different Konapun sets like the Konapun Hamburger and French Fries kitchen set and supplements, Konapun Cake kitchen set, Konapun Curry Rice set, Konapun Spaghetti set and Jelly sets. There are also versions of popular characters like Rikakkuma.



Konapun is definitely interesting and fun to play but we are still waiting for it to come here in the PH.

There are rumors that it's available in a store in Greenbelt. Why don't you look for it?

Even though this toy is no longer available in stores, it is still possible to find some sets online. Just be careful to not eat this miniature food as it is not edible. Also, the toy food, just like any food, spoils and rots. If you can't find any, it is still very very fun to watch and there are videos of konapun being played and made online.







## Meet the Owners!~

GWYSHOP is founded by Jaz Berina and me, Donia Berina, mother to 3 beautiful kiddos, Gwynne, Gwydion, and Gwyndel, where I derived the shop's name from.



## When and what was the first convention GWY shop has participated?

- GWYSHOP's very first convention was Best of Anime 2011 which was held at SMX Mall of Asia. It was a very exhilarating event as I had absolutely no idea how cosplay events are held, let alone that I am going as an exhibitor on that event. But it turned out pretty well in the end, I learned a lot and kept memorable experiences from that event.



## Location

While GWYSHOP has no physical permanent shop at the moment, as I am a home-based entrepreneur as well as a hands-on mom, I am a staple exhibitor at Cosplay events, particularly the major ones, like Ozinefest, Cosmania and Best of Anime, just to name a few.

## When and how GWY Shop started?

- Wayback 2008, GWYSHOP started as a small online variety shop which aimed to cater to women's fashion desideratum. However, I realized my passion for Anime and Cosplay and started to venture into the Cosplay Industry as an exhibitor of Cosplay fashion necessities.

first event (BOA 2011) in collaboration with Purpektion Shop



kawaii stockings

## Where does your services and merchandise range from?

- As a cosplay fashion variety shop, I have miscellany of items like Cosplay cosmetic lenses, Cosplay fashion wigs, imported cosmetics and vanity accessories. I am also affiliated with ILOVETODYE, an online shop that merchandises hair dye, as well as COTTON CANDY SHIRTS, which sells fandom shirts.

## As of now, do you think how many customers GWY shop has served?

- I really cannot give you the exact numbers, I would estimate it to be around 10,000 or more. I am only calculating this presumption based on the number of waybills (shipper's tracking number) that I have sent to my clients. And there are those clients who attend the convention.

## What are your difficulties as an online shop?

- My clients frequently ask where my shop is situated at, in which I can only reply that I do online transactions outside of events only as I have no physical shop at the moment.

However, I am in a continuous pursuit of a suitable location to entertain those who fail to attend cosplay conventions and still want to avail my products.

## Do you offer discounts and promos on your products? If yes, when?

- Special promos are often held on special dates like my shop's anniversary, holidays, and even my kid's birthdays.

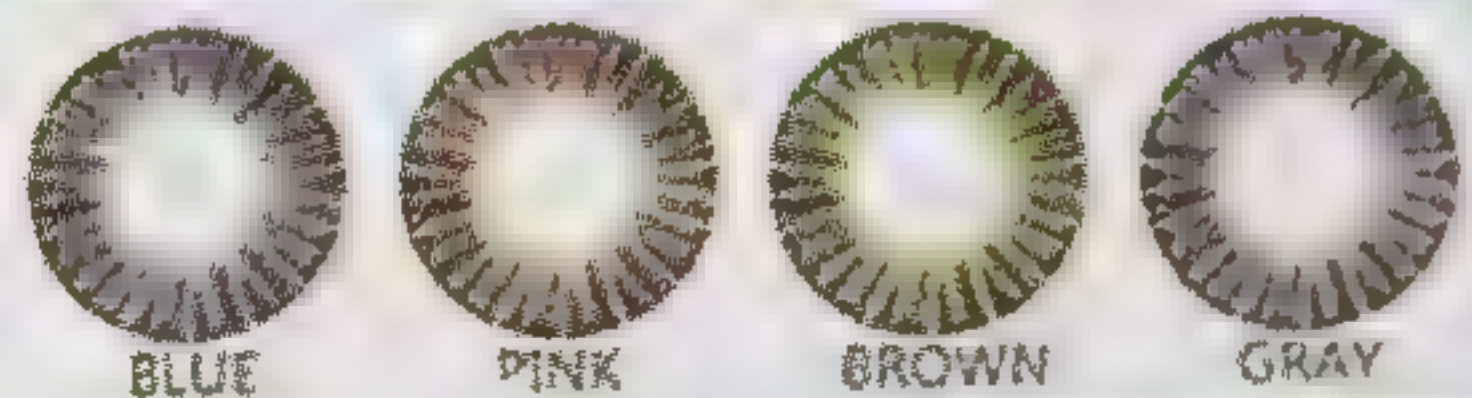
## Do you have any specific new items that consumers that look forward into?

I always have new items being a variety store, and as a matter of fact, I am in the process of launching a new line of cosmetic lens brand. The deal is in still in process so I cannot give any information about it, but I assure you that this will be a new line of designs that will excite everyone.

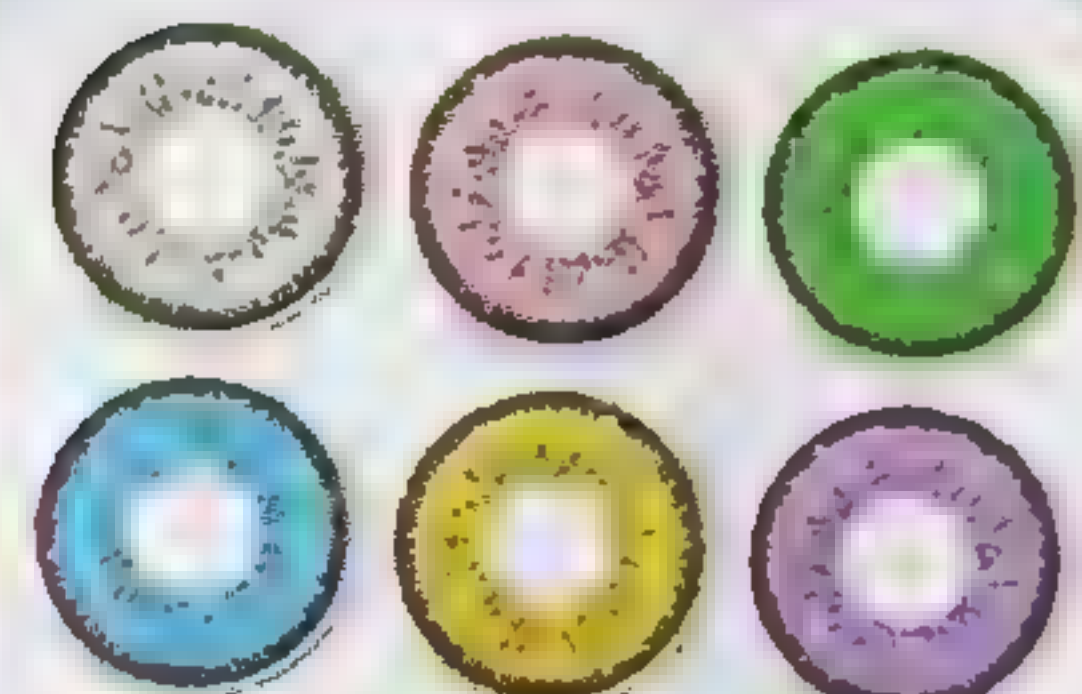




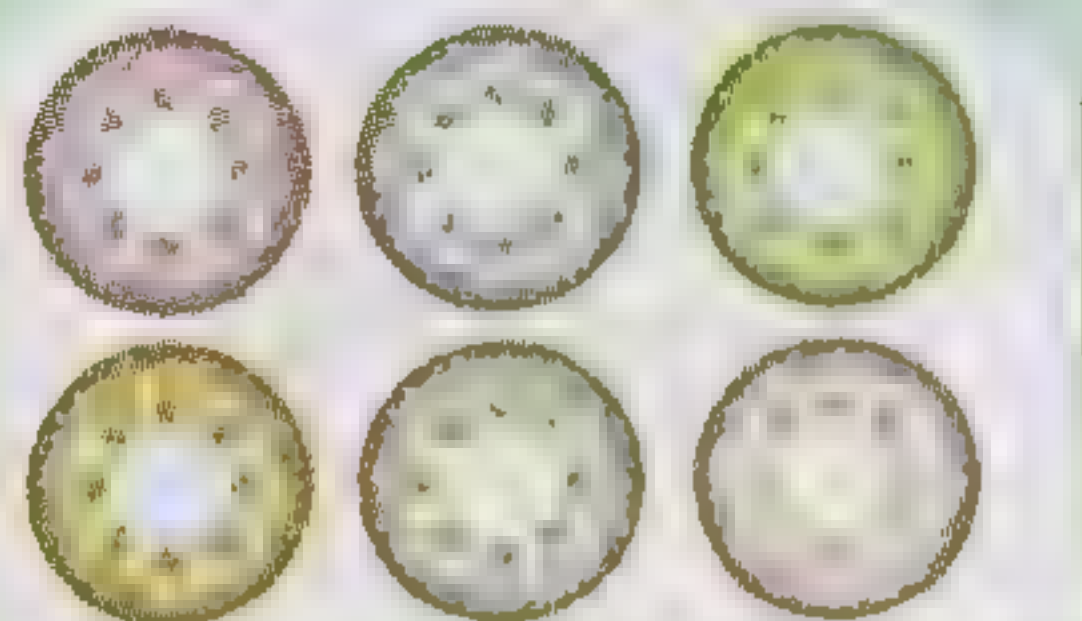
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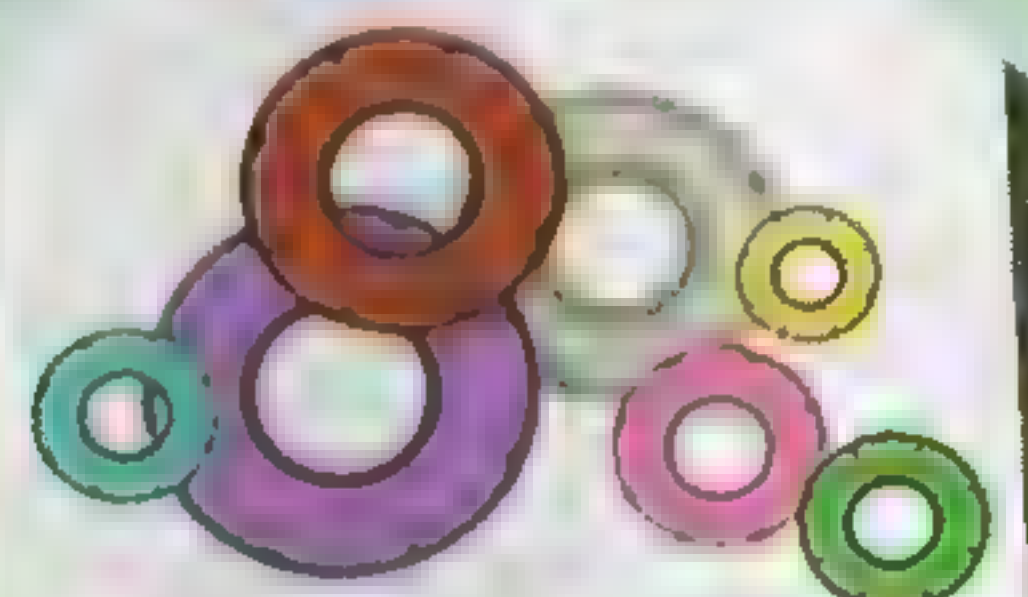
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EOS DOLLY  
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EOS BIG FLOWER  
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TWILIGHT SERIES  
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EOS CATS EYES - 4 TONE  
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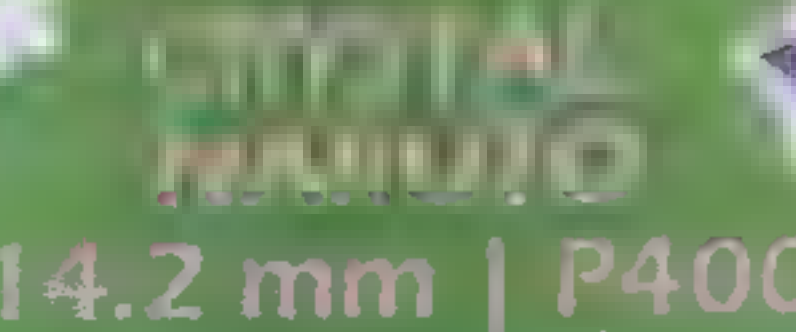
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CRYSTAL JEWEL  
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EOS MY HONEY - 4 TONE  
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EOS DISCO 1 TONE  
14.8 mm | P400



EOS MILKYWAY - 2 TONE  
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EOS BUBBLE SERIES  
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40 ML SOLUTION - P40  
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PINOY OTAKU FESTIVAL:  
**FANTASM**  
— COSPLAY LIVES —

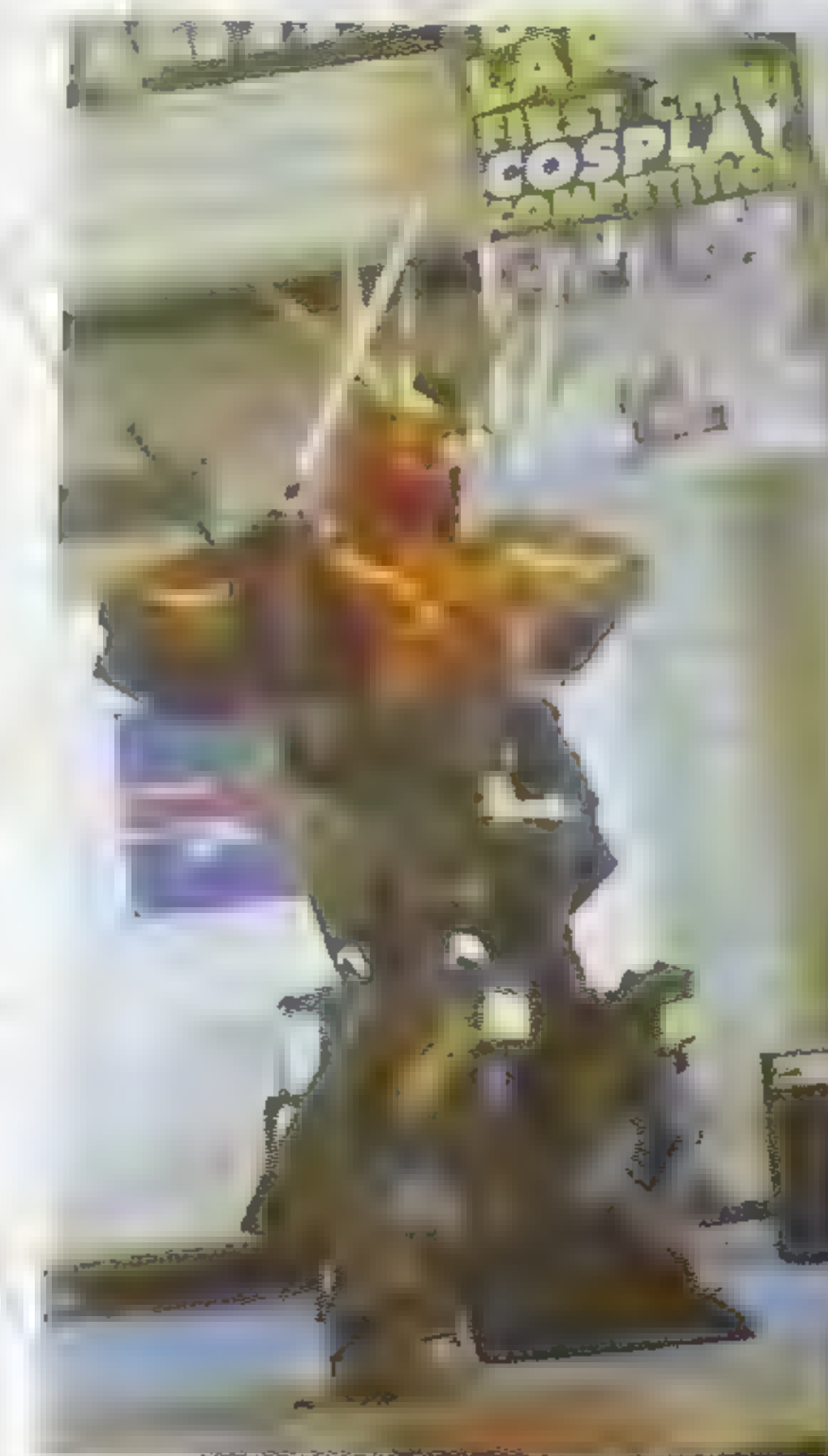
Last May 24-25, Pinoy Otaku Festival brought the world of Code Geass to reality as they made a cosplay event aiming to be a "Live Roleplay-event". The title of the event, FANTASM means a creation of the imagination or fancy, taken from the word itself, fantasy.

The organizers urged everyone to "be as close to your character as possible for the entirety of the event." This plea however, was not followed by most people and Starmall itself. Nevertheless, the show went on and the Britannians enjoyed.

To enter, one must bring a notebook and one school supply to help Naruto Cosplayer PH (NCPH) in their Balik Eskwela Project. They also issued a Britannian ID to the VIPs. Participants are either identified as Elevens, Honorary Britannian, Britannian and others (for VIP) Britannian Royalty in response to the theme.

Fantasm covered events such as Cosplay Idol S2 Finals, Otaku Choice Awards, Asia Music Festival Karaoke and Bandslam, Bolen Lareza Cosplay Competition, which is the first separate competition for chibi cosplayers in the Philippines. Fantasm Cosplay Live is the first cosplay competition which aims to recognize "realism" in their cosplay characters. Cosplay Checkers, where you can see cosplayers used as checkers pieces playing on a board that was conducted during its second day.

Live bands and dance shows also performed. To name a few, Ikuzolwa, Happy Ending, Hiyas, Strange Orange, School Milk for a Dime and Kung Fu Day, Raindrop, V's Project, Kryzia Camille Santiago, Seiza, Tarlac Asian Dancers and performers from Anime Cosplay Empire.



Hero TV also conducted the event "HERO Dub It Out". This is a free dubbers' workshop for everyone during the first day.

Several of the participants resented the venue for its size and humidity. Still, people gathered around the stage to watch chibi Elsa perform the song, Let It Go and other events. Some of booths present were also full of people watching the last episode of Nisekoi and play UP OMAKE's ring-toss game.

Pinoy Otaku Festival aims to help people while enriching the hearts of every Filipino otaku through their unique events. They always conduct otaku festivals for a cause like the recent years, where in 2013 they've conducted the PINOY OTAKU FESTIVAL PINOY SUPER HEROES ARISE! to awaken Filipino's bayanihan traits.

Pinoy Otaku Festival has done a great and memorable event again for this year. Sharing time with them is really fun. To those who didn't come to FANTASM, don't worry, because NCPH is planning more activities and events for next year.

Visit their website <http://pof.narutocosplayers.com/index.php> for more details of the event.





# Katkat-Tan

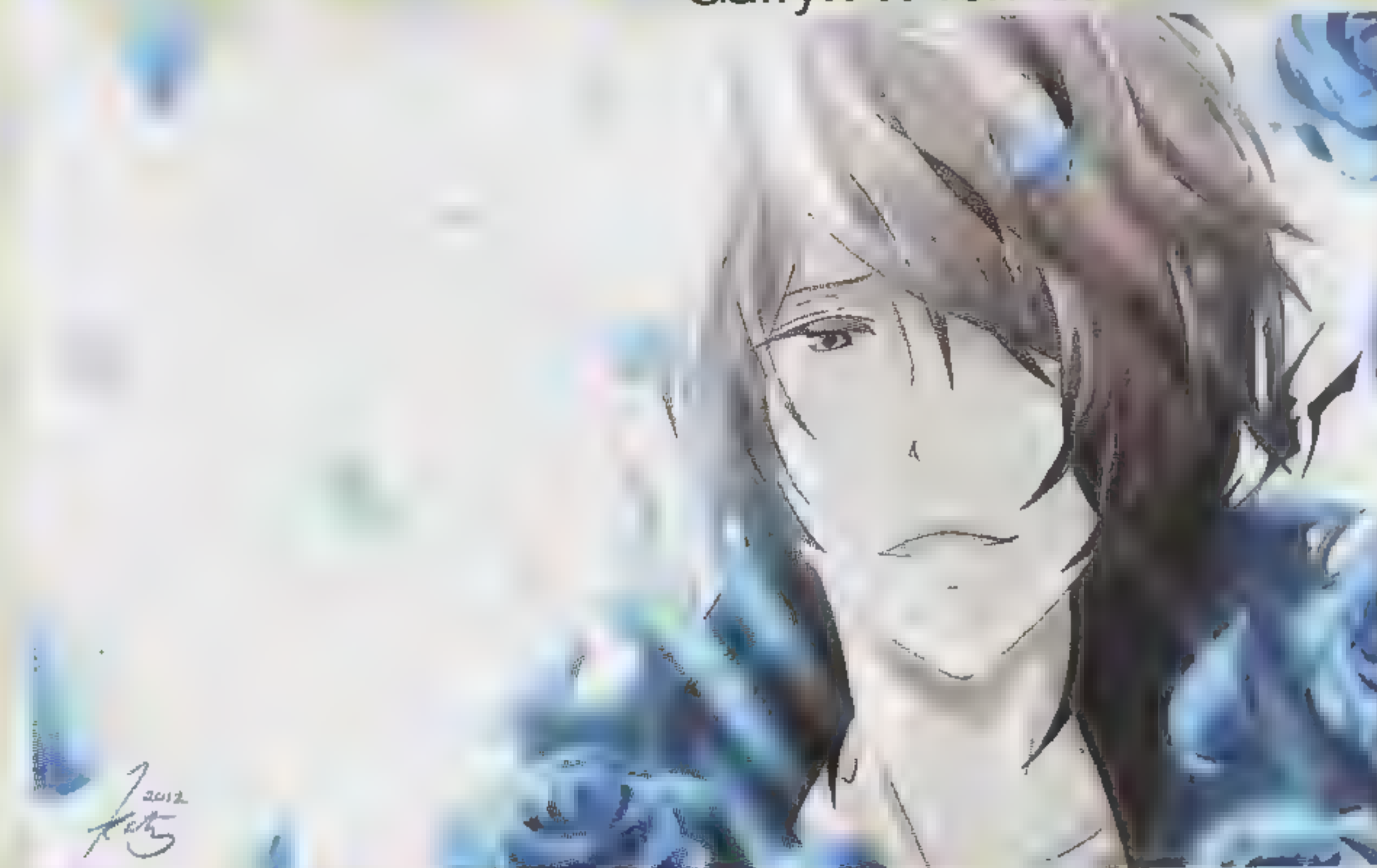
Shingeki no FREE!



## DayBreak



## Garry: A Promise of Reunion



## Goodbye, Deponia!



<http://kafkat-tan.deviantart.com/>

DMMd: Takoyaki Love  
EY MACARENA



**Name:**  
**Katkat Yjares**

**Year started:**  
Around 2008?

**Role:**  
I just consider myself a hobbyist illustrator i suppose

**Base:**  
Manila, PH

**Inspired by:**  
Friends and  
pretty much anime.

**Career highlight:**  
yeah, i don't really have any considering I don't have a 'career' in art yet. But I am proud of the fact that I'm able to take on \$50-\$100 per piece commissions at this point. Atm, I only do freelance when it comes to art. No professional job to speak of yet~

**.What genre of comics do you usually prefer to draw?**  
I love doing comedies and fantasy/action!

**.Have you thought of selling your designs?**  
 Adoptables are character designs that I make and people would buy the design or "adopt" it.

**.What's the most popular comic you've drawn?**  
No doubt my Adventure Time genderbent fancomic. My watchers are crazy over that – almost to the point where they threaten me due to irregularities and delays in updates. ahahah...hah...:|

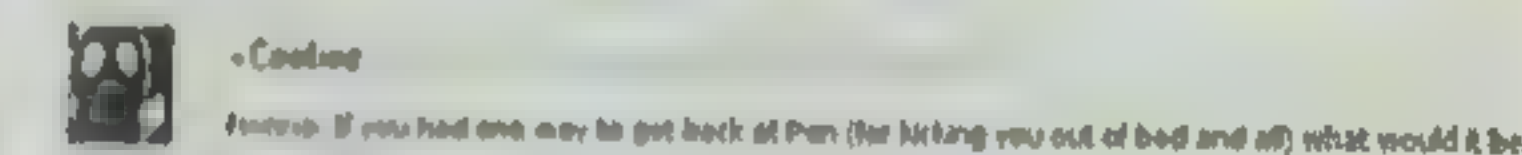
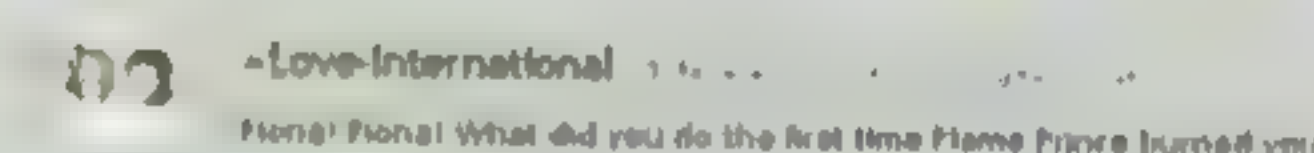
**.Does this hobby affect your time for studying?**  
Nah, of course I always prioritize my studies. Sometimes I even take month long breaks in case there's school-related activities that absolutely demands my attention.

**What inspired to draw and be an artist?**  
Well like I mentioned above, it all started with my friends. They were the first ones to push me towards becoming an artist, even though at that time, I admittedly didn't have much of an interest in art haha. From there, they got me to watch all these anime shows that pretty much influenced the way I currently draw.

**Do you have other hobbies beside from drawing?**  
Sure! At the moment, I spend most of my freetime doing 3D models on Maya and making animations. Well, it's a school thing tbh, but I do find working on 3D really fun xD

**.Do you feel relaxed or inspired if a fan sends you a fanart or interacts with you?**  
Well, more excited than relaxed haha. I appreciate their efforts and the fact that they even bothered talking to me. And I'm just speechless when I find someone actually drew fanart for me, like, I cannot even- If I could, I would hug them right then and there and never let go lmaoo

**Any friendly advice to those who wants to walk on your footsteps as an artist?**  
My best advice: Look for a better role model than me. LOL jk, but in all honesty, try and go look for the art style/artist you like best. **STUDY** and **OBSERVE** what exactly you like about their art. **LEARN** why things are how they look, and **PRACTICE**, **PRACTICE**, and – I cannot emphasize this enough – **PRACTICE**. You'll never get anywhere without it haha. Good Luck!~







## CALENDAR

### 8TH International Manga Award.

Call for applicants to the 8th International **MANGA** Award.

Guidelines for application will be available at the following website:  
[www.manga-award.jp](http://www.manga-award.jp)

The 8th International Manga Award started in the year 2007 by Mr. Taro Aso. They want different manga creators throughout the world to be recognized and awarded for making manga known internationally.

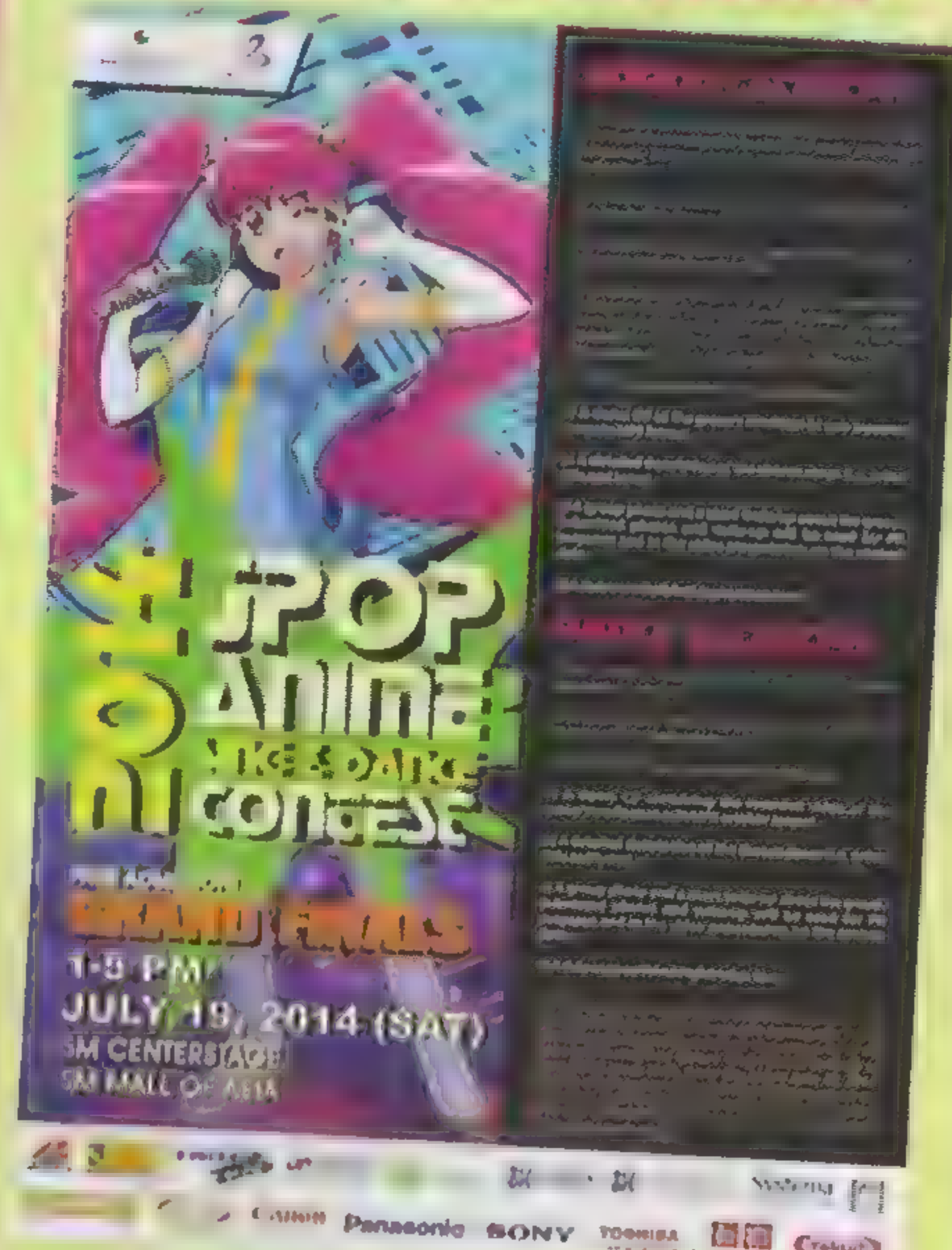
The winners will be encouraged to visit Japan for the awarding ceremony. Aside from that, they also get to meet different with Japanese manga creators and they also get to visit publishing companies throughout Japan.

### Study in Japan!

Recently, Japan Information and Culture Center of the Embassy of Japan has opened and accepted applications to all Filipinos who are interested studying in Japan, under the categories of Research, Undergraduate, and Specialized Training College Categories. They also offered free scholarship programs to those individuals who are having problems with expenses.

## PHL-Japan Friendship month Activities

### 2014 J-pop Anime Sing and Dance Contest



The 2014 JPOP Anime Sing and Dance Contest is open who are interested to join. They may submit their entries until June 27, 2014 via courier or directly at the Embassy of Japan located at 2627 Roxas Boulevard, Pasay City. It is strictly implemented that the contestants must use soundtrack/s from original CD's. Failure to comply with this will lead to disqualification. For more information, visit Embassy of Japan's Website:  
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## COSPLAYER

Humble, cheerful and very enthusiastic are just some of the best ways to describe our cosplayer of the month. Check out Naru as she flawlessly conquers the art of bringing to life characters that she admires.

Aside from being a hardcore otaku, she also likes literature and RPG. She studied Bachelor of Secondary Education at the University of Santo Tomas and is now preparing to get her license. Whoever said teachers don't know how to have fun? Naru proves the opposite and redefines just how cool teachers could be!

# LEE DAINE NARU

INTERVIEW BY ANN

**Otaku Asia:** It says on your official Facebook page that you started cosplaying on August 2009. What inspired you to cosplay?

Back when I was elementary, I had the urge to search for so many fanarts of my favorite characters such as Inuyasha, Zidane, and others on the internet. To my surprise, I saw people dressing up and wearing the same characters I was so fond of! Like any fangirl, I became curious of the underground society full of otakus, cosplayers and photographers in the local scene. My friends didn't really know what I was doing so I kept it a secret for a while until some of them got hooked into the hobby as well.

**OA:** Do you have, if any, someone you look up to in your passion in cosplaying and what made you like them?

I look up to any cosplayer out there who can empathize with their characters well and can pay attention to the littlest details. To be more particular, the one who struck me the most was Jin Joson. Despite the changes in the cosplay scene and the rising number of anime in the past years, Jin still perpetually loves her craft and still opens herself up to so many people who also enjoy it.

**OA:** Who is the first character you have cosplayed? And why?

It would have to be Yuuri Shibuya from God (?) Save Our King! At that time, it was still aired in Animax. Ozone Fest was just around the corner and, like most cosplays I've done in the past, I just happened to have the



necessary materials to make the costume. There was no real reason behind it other than the convenience of having it made but what made the experience worthwhile was my very first encounter of an actual anime convention. Nothing beats the first.

**OA:** We've noticed that you like to cosplay in Fate/stay night's Saber. What qualities do you like most about her?

Saber is straightforward. She doesn't dilly dally, nor does she shilly shally. She's always driven by purpose, regardless if it's right or wrong. These are qualities that I normally don't have but would like to develop as well. She's passionate and loyal, unprecedented yet so frail with her beliefs. Saber reminds me of how each person is not perfect but still has the power to do great things.

**OA:** Among the characters you have cosplayed, can you name your top three favorites?

It would have to be Syaoran Li from Cardcaptor Sakura, Mirajane Strauss from Fairy Tail, and Kid from Chrono Cross. I know these aren't the cosplays I usually do but I like characters who force me out of my shell and make me do personalities that aren't typically mine.

**OA:** What do you find most rewarding in cosplaying?

A costume can be expensive. A kanekalon wig could cost a month's fortune but the experience of being in character with other people and connecting with them? Priceless.

**OA:** You are very impressive in cosplaying, but you also display so much talent. What are your most unique talents and hobbies?

I wouldn't say impressive. Haha. It's still quite hard to come up with a good skit that will deserve a great applause from the crowd. Even if I experience it over and over again, my system will never get rid of the adrenaline of stepping onto the stage and facing such blinding lights. It's always the first step that makes it so unforgettable.



OA: Do you have any future plans in mind that fans can look forward to in your cosplaying career? If yes, what are they?

Well, I am thinking of changing my usual pace of choosing characters. I might step into Western, too. It's all a surprise, of course. \*wink\*

OA: What can you tell people who are aspiring to be cosplayers like you?

Don't aspire to be cosplayers. Don't even think of the crowd or whatever others will say about you. Aspire to be THE character. Nothing more, nothing less. You can't always get what you want, nor can you always shape your physique to a certain character but your will to BE the actual character will surface. No doubt about it. Keeping your feet on the ground is a plus point, too. But hey, don't stay in the fantasy world for too long, alright?

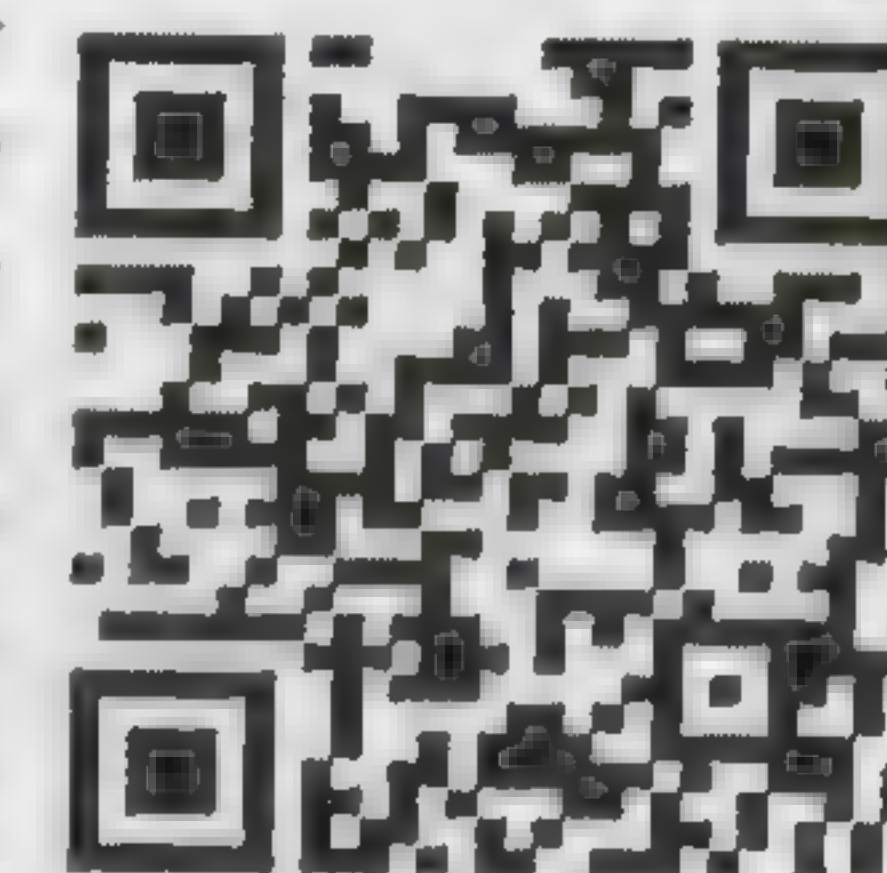
OA: Can you please name your online accounts where fans and aspiring cosplayers can check out updates of your cosplay activities and other projects?

LeeDaine Official is a Facebook page I update the most. I dump it all there. It's not only a page about me though. I also put most projects I have with friends as well.



There's more to know and to love about Naru so we hope to see more of her, and we definitely wish her the best in her endeavors. She serves as an inspiration in doing the things we love and finding ways to enjoy without being self-conscious. After all, we were never born to please everyone, so let's assure to be happy with ourselves.

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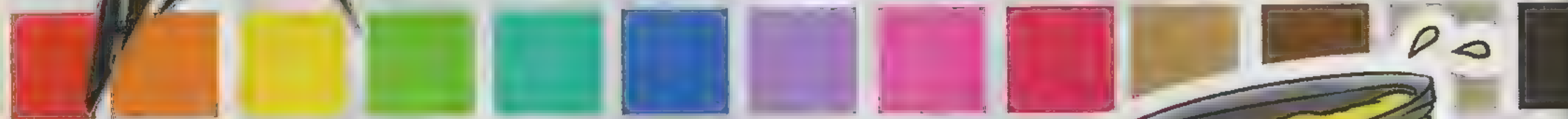


# OTAKU LIFE HACKS

## SUBSONIC FORGE

Hey  
Otafans~!  
So how's  
your props going?  
Almost done but  
unpainted yet?  
Don't worry!

In this issue, our friendly SUBSONIC FORGE will be teaching us what kind of paint will be suitable for your crafts. So put on your painting clothes and let's get some coloring done~!

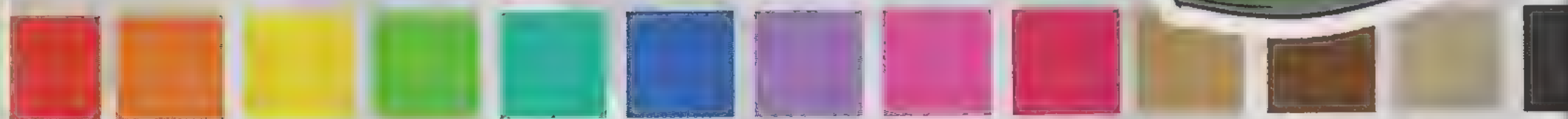


### Enamel

- ~Oil based
- +Cheaper
- Dries longer
- \*Dilutes with oil based paint thinners.

### Lacquer

- +Quick drying
- \*Can dissolve or damage certain materials like oil based products such as plastics, polystyren etc.



### Acrylic

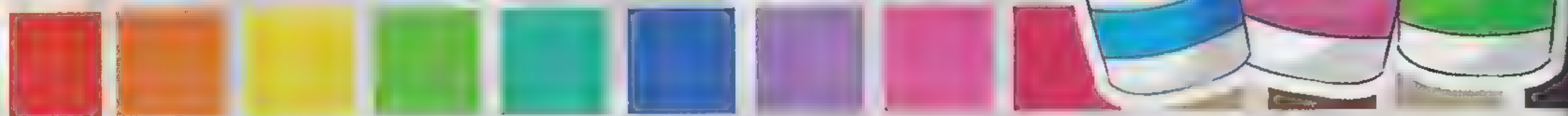
- ~Water based paint
- +Quick drying
- +Dilutes in water
- +Water resistant when dry.

### Poster paint

- ~Water based paint
- +Quick drying
- Dissolves with water even when dry

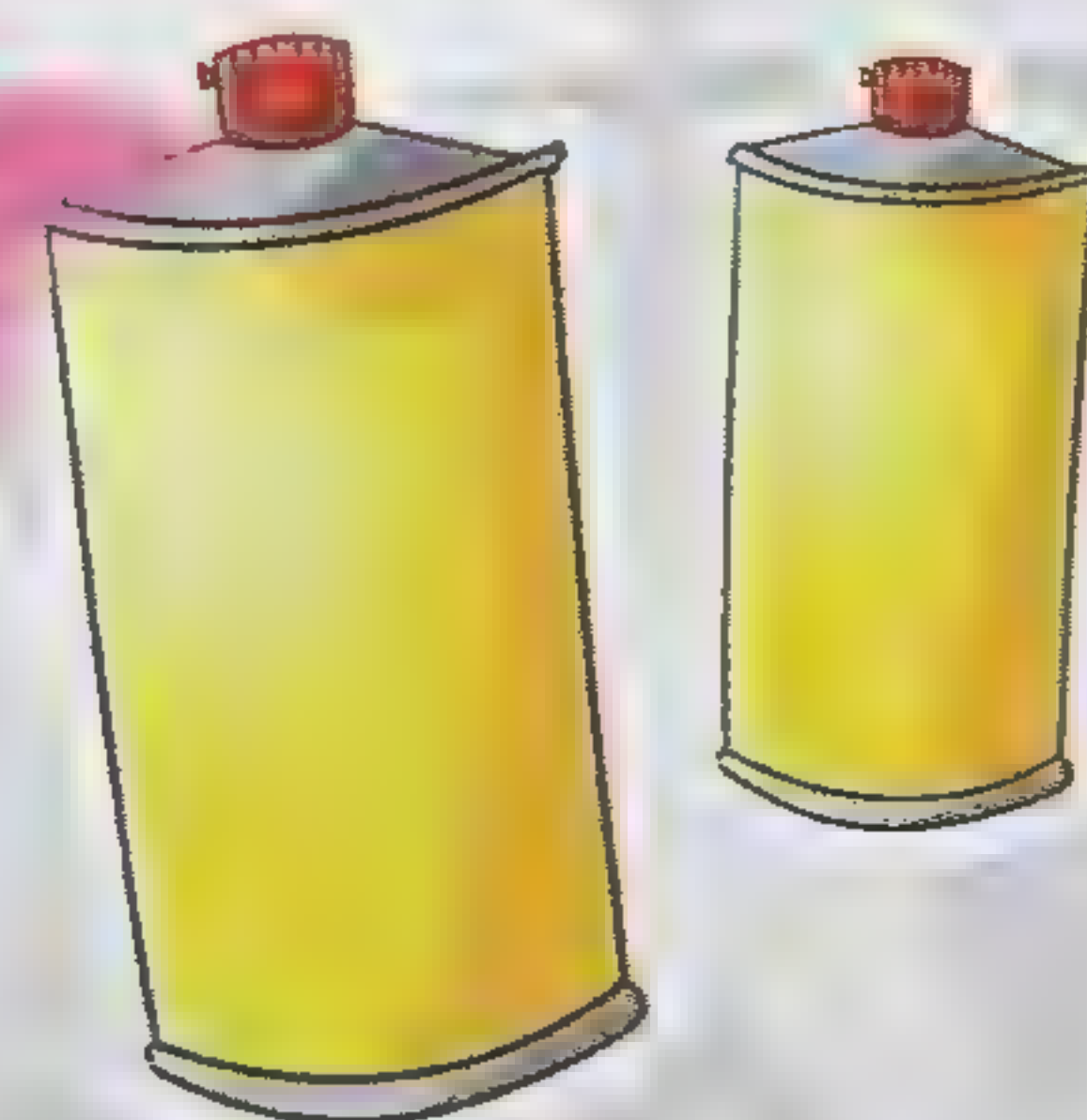
### Rubberized

- ~Water based paint
- +Flexible (does not crack)
- \*Ideal for cloth and non-stable surfaces.

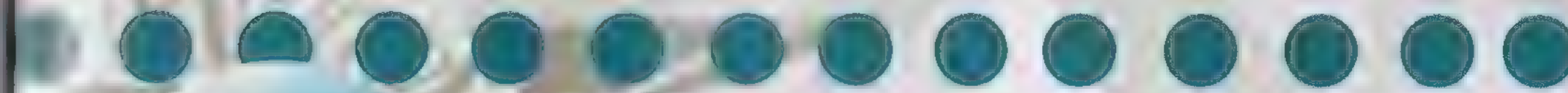


### Spray paint (can)

- ~Usually lacquer based
- +Quick drying
- +Easy to use.
- Not all the color shades are available.



Already done with your paint?  
Wait for it to dry first :)  
Then for the last step, **FINISHING~!**  
Giving your props the right texture and gloss should do the trick to make it more outstanding.  
Whether it should look like a newly forged blade or a war-stricken weapon, the right kind of finish will make it look more realistic. Let's begin~



### GLOSSY



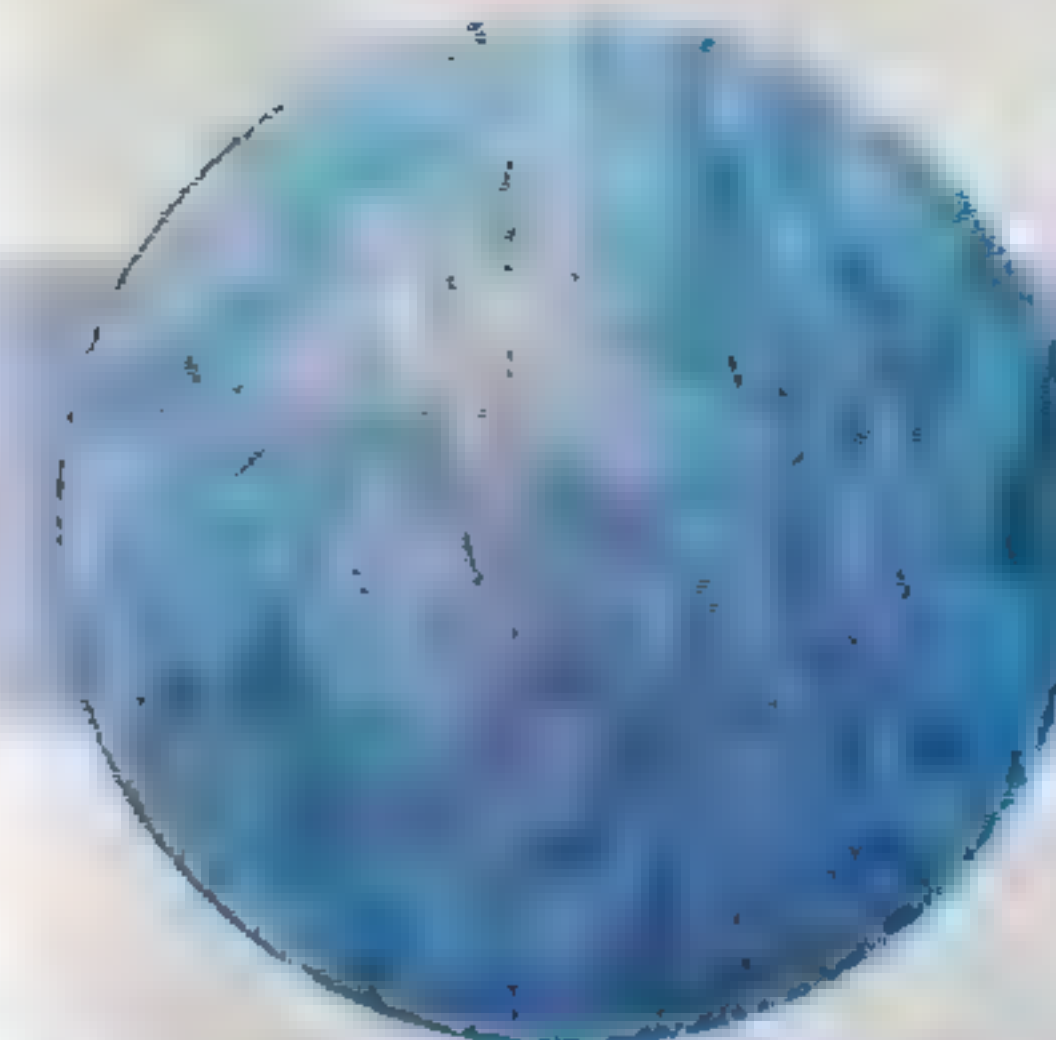
Achieved with a glossy paint or with a CLEAR paint final coat. Very shiny with an almost mirror polish. Ideal for parts and builds with flawless to perfect surfaces for best results. Glossy finishes can make surface imperfections stand out more.

### MATTE



Matte or Flat colors. Less reflection, frosted and rubbery look. Only some colors are available in Matte finish but all colors can be given a matte/flat with the uses of a flat clear paint as top/final coat. Ideal for parts and builds with imperfect or textured surfaces. Can also hide surface imperfections.

### TEXTURED



Some paints wrinkle, curl, crack and get bumpy in a uniform pattern when dry to get a textured finish. Can be used to add more detail and effects.

## Finishing materials (tips)

### EMULSION

Cheap water based sealant that can be used as a primer to prevent the material to absorb the succeeding paint.

### EPOXY PRIMER

Epoxy based paint use for the primer/first coat.

### PAPERMACHE

Can be water resistant and can serve as a sealant before painting.







# GOOD SMILE COMPANY

written by Huiip

Ever wanted to have one of those awesome character figurines to display on your room? The ones you saw in particular hobby shops? We all do. Whether as a kid or as an adult, it was once included in our Christmas wishlist. And because of that, manufacturers of said product are a godsend. One of them is Good Smile Company.

Good Smile Company is a Japanese manufacturer of hobby products such as the Nendoroid and figma product lines. Their products are usually based on anime, manga or video games that are popular in Japan. They sell a variety of products, focusing on polyvinyl chloride (PVC) character figurines. Touhou Project characters, Black Rock Shooter merchandise and Puella Magi Madoka Magica products are just some of the popular series that are included in their product line-up.

Good Smile Company is most well-known for the Nendoroid series. Nendoroid figures are usually based on the characters from different anime, manga or video games and are 10 cm tall. They are designed to have a large head and a smaller body, giving them a cute appearance. In addition to that, their faces and body parts are exchangeable to offer quite a wide range of different poses and expressions.

It was established by Aki Takanori in 2001 initially as an event management and talent company. Hobby related products eventually became the main focus of the company after working with Max Factory. Good Smile Company is now primarily involved in the planning, production, manufacturing and sales of figures and toys. That said, the company also markets other goods.

Good Smile Company also acts as a distributor for other hobby related companies including Max Factory, FREEing and Phat! Company.

On December 2012, Good Smile Company announced Miku Hatsune as their 300th Nendoroid, much to the fans' excitement. Aside from Miku Hatsune, other Nendoroid figures were also announced; Sakura Kinomoto (Cardcaptor Sakura), Rin Natsume (Little Busters), Houki Shinomono (Infinite Stratos) and Monokuma (Dangan Ronpa), to name a few.

Nendoroid figures of Levi from Attack on Titan and Luigi from Super Mario were recently announced to be released on June. The two are now available for preorder for fans worldwide and will be shipped by Good Smile Company from Japan during the month of the item's release date.

When all is said and done, Good Smile Company really is one of the best toy manufacturers out there. And aside from their awe-inspiring products, Good Smile Company is amazing at one thing: putting good smiles on both the kids' and adults' faces.



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# 魔法科高校の劣等生

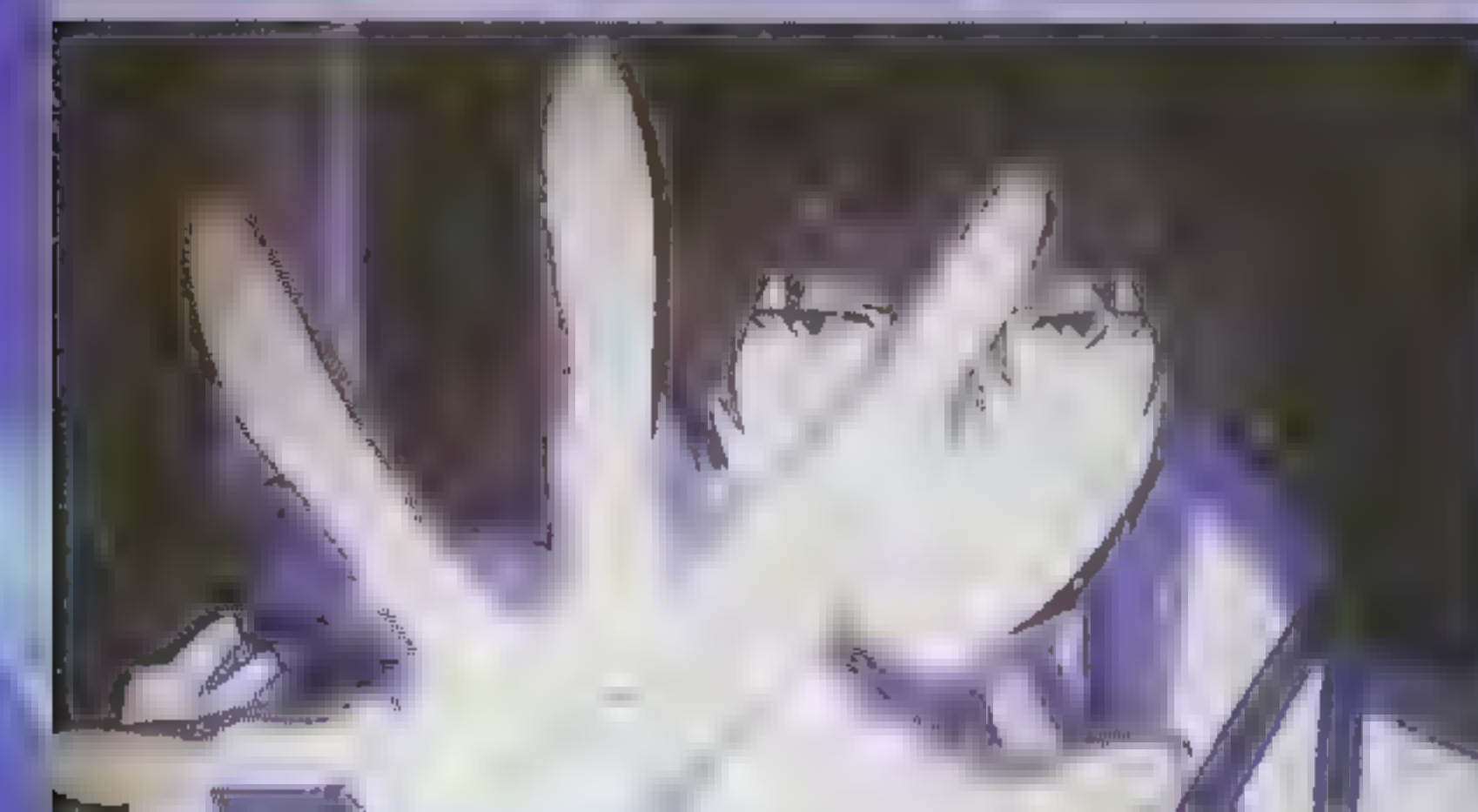
Wake up, summer is over. And you know what that means: school. No more staying up until the morning light for anime and games; it's time to take those classes. Math? Lame. English? Boring. How about magic? Yes, boys and girls, you read that right – MAGIC! Enroll in a Magic School near you to learn how to tap your inner powers so that you can perform amazing supernatural feats. Get ready to get schooled in the arcane arts by Tatsuya Shiba – this is Mahouka Koukou no Rettousei.

Based on one of the most popular light novels in Japan, Mahouka Koukou no Rettousei, roughly translated as "The Irregular Student of a Magical High School", is set in the year 2095, when magic is a natural phenomenon that can be harnessed by select individuals called magic technicians – magicians for short. In response to this discovery, different countries, including Japan, have established magic high schools, dedicated to honing the talents of young magicians. Among them are the Shiba siblings Tatsuya and Miyuki.

Almost inseparable, they enroll in the same school – the First Magic High School. Miyuki is a naturally gifted magician, making her qualified to be part of the regular program. Tatsuya, despite acing the admission exam, is only considered as an irregular student.

In First Magic High School, regular students, called "Blooms", tend to discriminate irregular ones, known as "Weeds". However, despite being a "Weed", Tatsuya gets recruited to the Public Morals Committee, who are tasked in policing those who break school rules. As he carries out his duties, he earns respect and recognition, as well as the ire of unknown forces in the shadows, dragging Tatsuya, Miyuki, and their friends in a conflict far greater than a regular magic high school student usually encounters.

TATSUYA SHIBA



Our story's protagonist. Calm, collected, and analytical, he hardly shows any emotions, save affection for his sister Miyuki, whom he not only dotes on but also dutifully protects. Tatsuya is a genius; as proof of this, he was able to rank first in the written admission exam of the First Magic High School.

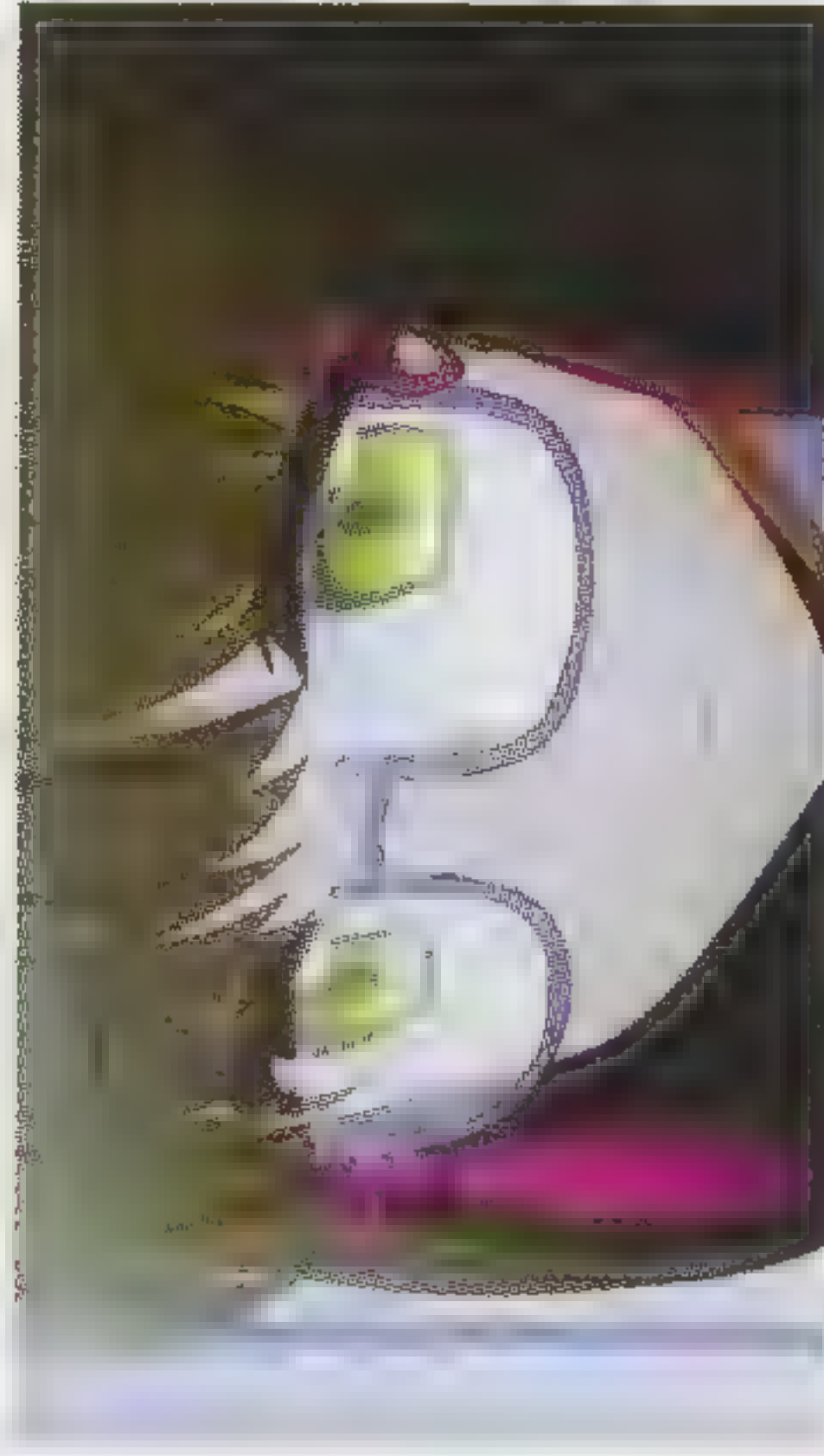
ERIKA CHIBA



Bright, outspoken, and active, Erika is a definite opposite of Tatsuya. Unlike him, she is very friendly, and easily gets along well with others. Belonging from the Chiba Family, a powerful family of magicians, she has received training in both physical and magical disciplines, making her a magician that is not to be underestimated.



## MIZUKI SHIBATA



Mizuki is a gentle-natured and timid bespectacled beauty. She wears glasses not because her eyesight is impaired, but because they are oversensitive to magic particles, causing her to see them involuntarily without any aid, in turn causing a negative effect on her overall health. Nevertheless, she regards her condition as an asset.

## LEONHART SAIJOU



More popularly known as "Leo", he is a friendly and happy-go-lucky guy. He has a bulky and athletic build, as well as knowledge in Reinforcement Magic, which allows any materials he is wearing to be as resilient as s body armor. With his magic being complementary to his physical traits, he is one tough cookie that you don't want to mess with.

## SAYAKA MIBU



Sayaka was able to bag the second place in the National Middle School Kendo Tournament, making her more than just some pretty face. Still, despite her looks and skills, she could not help but feel inadequate because of her weak ability in practical magic. Because of this, she was motivated to join the Alliance, an organization that aims to remove the divide between Course 1 and Course 2 students.

As expected from Madhouse, the art is nothing short of stellar. The characters are vividly colored and beautifully drawn, and their movements are fluid and streamline, making them an exciting treat to watch, especially during action scenes. The background, a combination of CGI and traditional animation, not only perfectly establishes the setting, but also the mood.

Another strength of Mahouka is in its worldbuilding. Unlike other anime titles that involve magic, the show has an established set of rules and jargon when it comes to its magic, so much so that it becomes too confusing and self-indulgent with the explanations. Of course, the viewers can either accept their failure to understand the loads and loads of information they are being provided or even skip it altogether without missing anything from the plot, but those who actually manage to understand them would be able to appreciate how well-built the setting is, how adherent it is with its in-universe realism, and how proficient the characters are in their magic.

Mahouka is a deviation from your usual magical school shounen anime. Instead of the protagonist being a bumbling idiot who does poorly in his studies, he is a genius who is still deemed as poor when it comes to academics. With such a setup, the show is able to display one of its central themes – the disconnect between how schools measure students' abilities and how students' abilities actually are, as well as the discrimination towards students who do not excel in academics in the conventional sense, making the show a social commentary on the issue.





The game Dengeki Bunko Fighting Climax, a 2D arcade fighting game by Sega that features characters from ASCII Media Works' Dengeki Bunko light novels, will be including Miyuki Shiba in its roster of playable characters. Tatsuya will also be in the game, but only as a supporting character.

MIYUKI SHIBA



Because of her looks, lineage, intelligence, and skills in the practical use of magic, she not only easily earned a spot in Course 1, but also the attention of the male population of the school. However, in her heart, there is one and one person only – Tatsuya. Welcoming and friendly, she is amenable to everyone, including his brother's friends in Course 2, despite being told by her fellow Course 1 students to not associate herself with them.

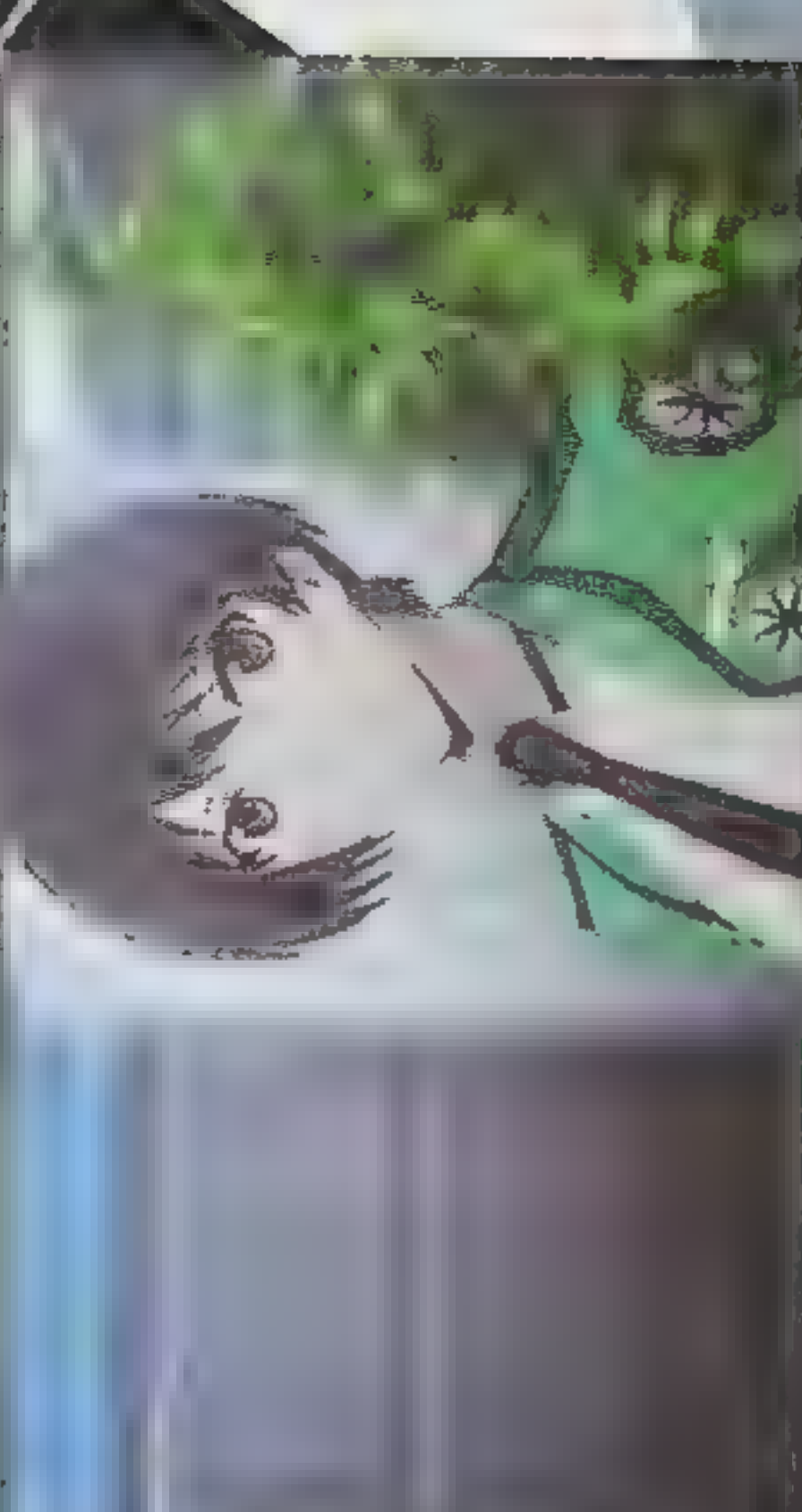
MAYUMI SAEGUSA



Mayumi is the pretty, petite, and prudent president of the Student Council. Always in the service of her fellow students, she is responsible and approachable, and believes that the discrimination between Course 1

and Course 2 students is some to an end. She is a prodigy in long-ranged precision magic shooting and has earned the moniker of "Elven Sniper".

MARI WATANABE



A total go-getter who is very dedicated to her job, Mari is the chief of the Public Morals Committee. Her magic specialty is anti-personnel magic – perfect for someone who is tasked to keep the peace.

HATTORI HANZOU



Hattori is the vice-president of the Student Council. Tatsuya defeated him in a very one-sided magic battle despite his employment of compound magic, which are as effective as they are difficult to master.

The characters, both their designs and personalities, are diverse and colorful, and their interactions with the lead almost always have significance to the plot and character development. However, because of the latter, the show, intentionally or otherwise, thrusts Tatsuya into the limelight most of the time, making the rest of the characters seem less relevant plot-wise even though it is definitely not the case. Nevertheless, despite suffering such a side effect, the show does give the supporting characters their well-deserved shining moments.

With top-notch art, a meticulously weaved universe, and an unorthodox yet cool protagonist, Mahouka Koukou no Rettousei will definitely leave those looking for an intelligent yet action-packed magical school-themed anime wanting more of its charms.

So, go ahead, take a break from your regular lessons and hit the screens for this little piece of magic.



# CHARACTER BIO

by: James

## HAIL TO THE PRESIDENT!



**Name:** Satsuki Kiryuin

**Age:** 18

**Affiliation:** School President, Honnouji Academy

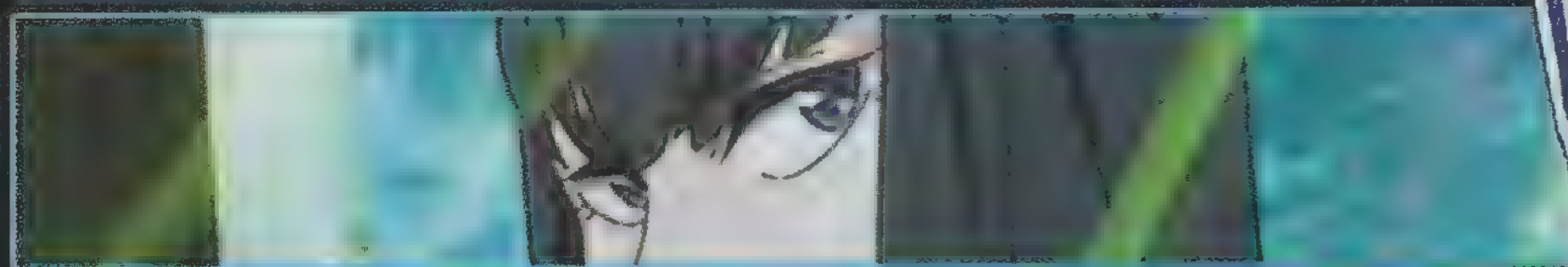
**Seiyuu:** Ryoka Kuzuki

Pigs in human clothing, LISTEN UP! Today, you shall learn the true meaning of respect and authority. With her tall and strong stature, long and flowing straight black hair, and bushy eyebrows, you will realize how petty your existences are in the presence of true glory.

Let us welcome the one, the only, Lady **Satsuki Kiryuin** of **Kill la Kill**.

Satsuki Kiryuin is the president of the ridiculously powerful student council of the **Honnouji Academy**, as well as the daughter of the owner of a megacorporation, making her ridiculously powerful and influential despite being just a high school student. Filled with pride and condescension, she rules the school with an iron fist, refusing to cut any slack anyone who fails to follow her orders to the letter, no matter how difficult they may be.

With **Bakuzan** in her hand and godrobe **Junketsu** as her choice threads, she is always sharply dressed for battle, ready to prove that she can walk her high and mighty talk. Even her rival Ryuko Matoi, who wields the Scissors Blade and godrobe **Senketsu**, had a difficult time in each and every one of their bloody and brutal skirmishes.



So, if you think you know fear and awe without knowing who Satsuki Kiryuin truly is, then you do not know what fear and awe is.



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**HOT ANIME**

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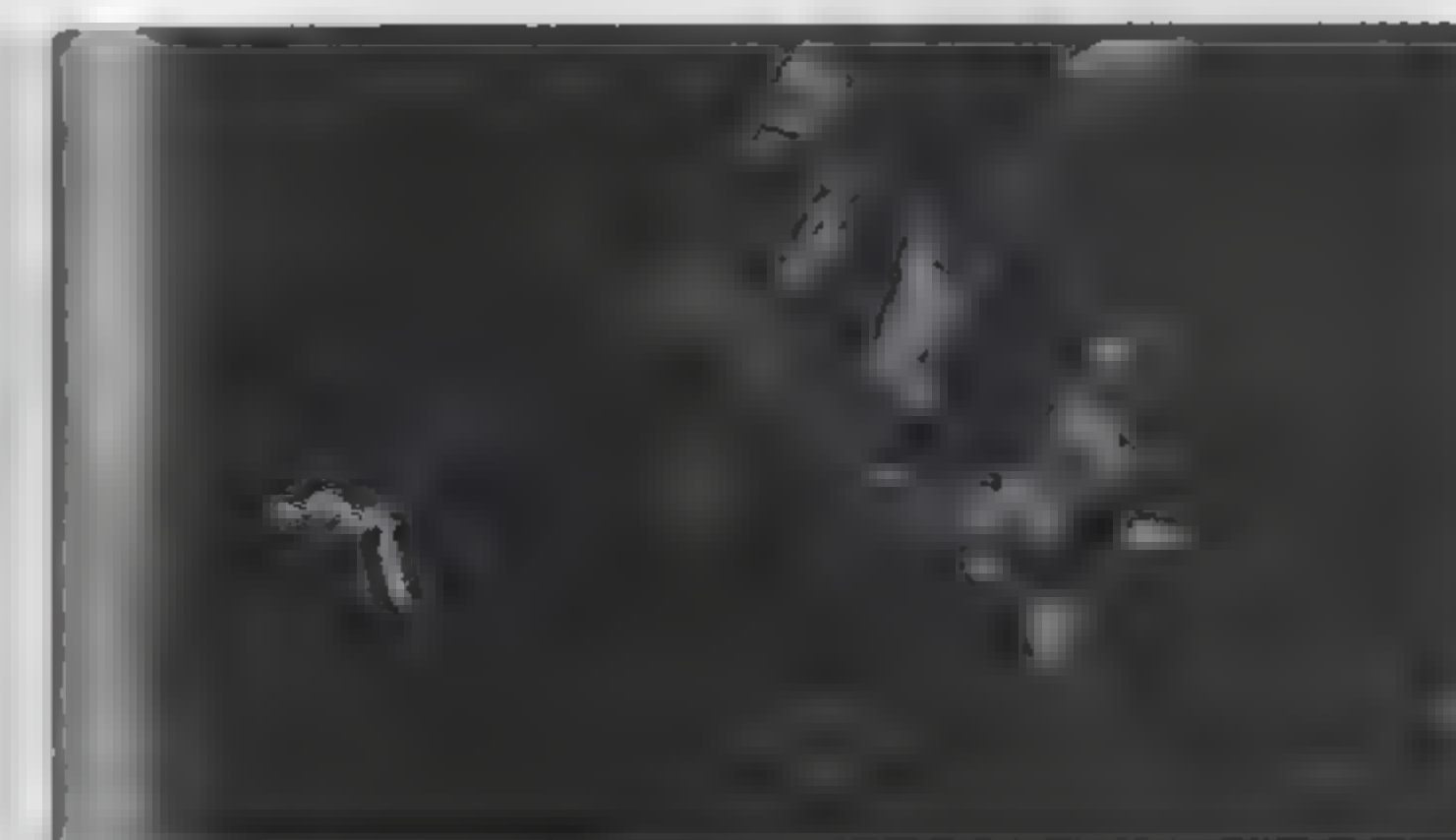
# What Lies Beyond The Abyss



In the beginning there was only darkness, an endless void that has no boundaries. Another story tells that darkness was born within the heart of light. These are one of the many theories that include the concept of Light and Darkness. Scientifically, darkness is the absence of light. Spiritual aspects also depict the concept of Yin and Yang. Which side outweighs the other? Which consume which? While these questions swirl within our mind, one thing remains certain, light and darkness cannot exist without each other.

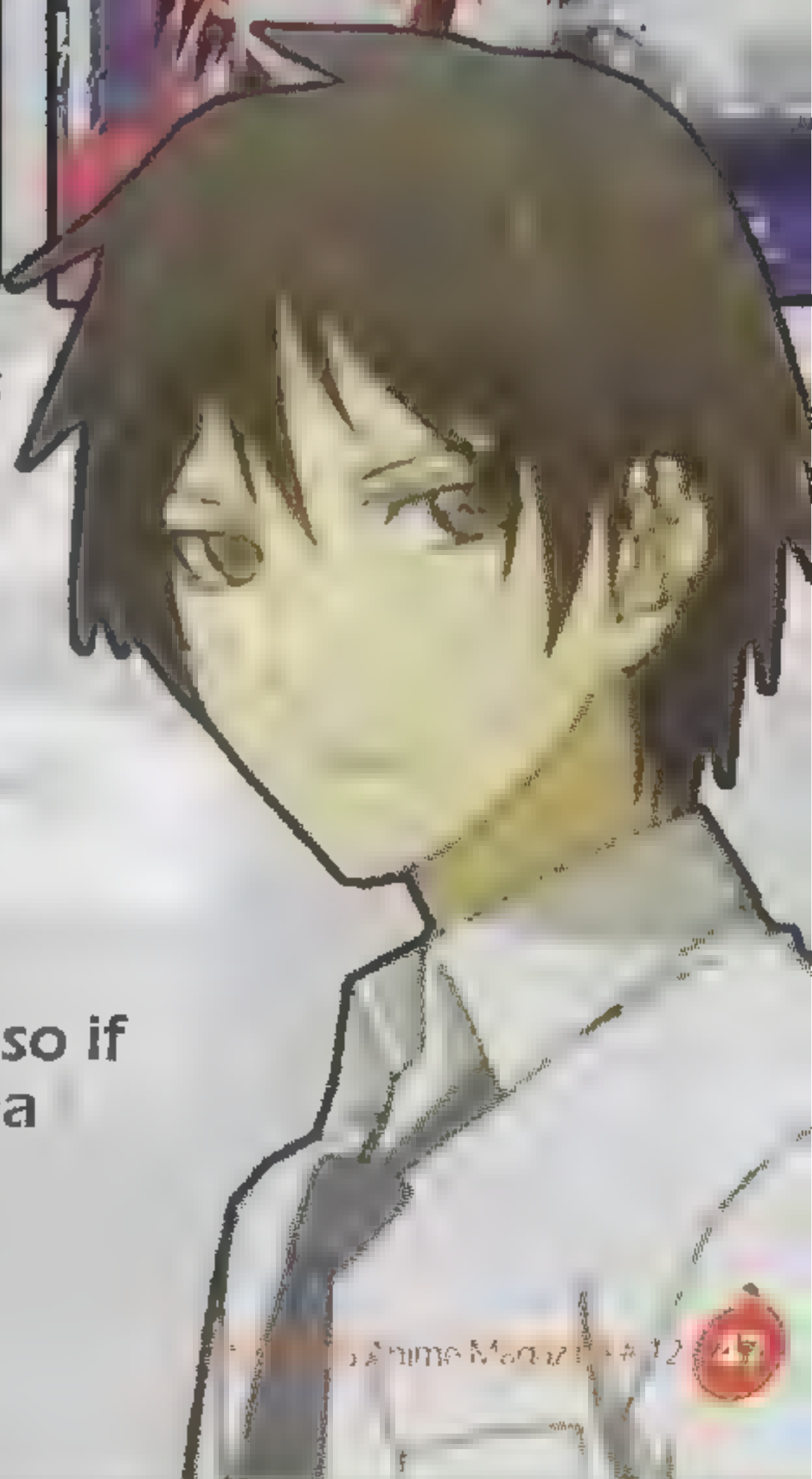
One day, without a warning, a tragic event occurred that brought changed to the world. A distorted and deep blackness has spread and continuously consumes everything it touches. The nightmarish area was later named as the **Avidya Zone** or the **Lightless Realm**. Within this place which is devoid of light that swallows anything and everything, lurks esoteric being that were born from the despair of humans that perished within the zone called **Imashime** or **Admonitions**.

In order to prevent casualties caused by Admonitions, eight young individuals were assembled and were made to join the **Lightless Realm Investigation Team** as trainee pilots due to their high potential as individuals. While the Lightless Realm continues to expand and engulf all that stands in its path, will the eight individual's destined meeting be enough to illuminate the mystery of the void and put a stop to the impending catastrophe? Or will they also be dragged into the depths of despair?



**M3: Sono Kuroki Hagane**, translated as **M3: The Dark Metal**, is a psychological, mecha anime series that premiered in the Spring 2014 season by **Satelight**. The series is written by **Anohana**, **Mari Okada** and directed by Sailor Moon's director, **Junichi Sato**. M3 also features the mechanical designs of **Shoji Kawamori** who is the renowned mecha designer of **Macross**. The anime's opening theme **Re:REMEMBER** is performed by **May'n** while the ending theme, **ego-izm** is performed by **La La Larks**.

M3 is a unique anime that starts off with a very mysterious twist so if you're looking for an anime with heavy plot and is a fan of mecha anime, then M3 is should definitely be included in your list.







## OTAKUGOODIES

Bottle cap key chain are cute. Clay miniatures of a lovable character are also cute. There is a shop called Momo Box who offers both and more! They also accept customizations!

You will never regret on having their keychains, accessories like rings, bracelets and bottle cap necklaces with your favorite character designs that you will surely love. Not only accessories but they also sell miniatures. These miniatures can come in a cute bottle so you can bring them anywhere with you. Or you can give them as gifts.

They always update their accessories with the newest and most popular characters. The recent character they've make is Yoshino of Date A Live, shared through their Facebook page. Their accessories would never miss characters from the most popular anime series like One Piece, Bleach, Naruto, Shingeki no Kyoujin, K-On, Kuroko no Basuke, Kill la Kill, Fairy Tail and a lot more.

They also make designs of some popular stuff animals like Domo, Plue of Rave, and other well-known figures like super heroes the famous shield design of Captain America, Superman and the likes, and other cute animals like pandas, dogs and cats. Well, if a character that you like are not yet available, you may approach them to make one for you.

Be sure to check out Momo Box and be amazed at their kawaii accessories that only they can provide. Visit and like their facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/kawaiimomobox> and order yours.



# Iris Zero



In this world, 99% of the population has a special power called "Iris". Toru Mizushima is one of the 1% who doesn't have any Iris abilities. As a result he often gets bullied and discriminated.

He lives by his motto "minimal exposure" to live without standing out.

Until one day, the beautiful and popular Koyuki Sasamori confesses to Toru to go out with her that causes his low exposure to increase. The truth about Sasamori's confession is to find the next rightful student president. She has the Iris power to see "those who are qualified" by having an X or O signs above their heads. She believes that Mizushima is able to find the next student president. He reveals himself as an Iris Zero that will only harm both him and Sasamori. He assumes that she'll leave after the revelation.

Days passed, but Sasamori still greets him like nothing happened. Sasamori sees Mizushima's zero abilities as seeing the world as it is. The last day of the search for the president, Koyuki apologized to everyone for not finding one. Toru enters the commotion; saying that Koyuki is the deserving president of the school by putting a flower over his head without seeing the sign of qualification. Everyone agrees that Koyuki Sasamori will be the new student body president of the high school. After the events, Koyuki still managed to talk to Mizushima on daily basis. Will this relationship of

**Iris Zero** is a comedy, drama, mystery, psychological, romance, school life, seinen and supernatural manga written by Pro Shiki and drawn by Hotaru Takana. It was serialized in **Comic Alice** (Media factory) that has 33 total chapters.

Imagine everyone with super powers who familiarize themselves in the society, yet leaving the ones who have no iris ability. This manga sets the audience's perspective on how to stand with everyone and give the acceptance of a significant other on being different. It also emphasizes the characters unique abilities as the story goes by.

Read Iris Zero and learn how an individual, upon being different to others will still stand out.





by Mikelle

MANGA

# Koisome Momiji



"There is a saying that if you find a Japanese maple leaf with eight tips, you will find everlasting love."



It is common knowledge that finding a 4-leaf clover shall bless the person that obtained it with good fortune; however, have you heard about the urban legend which states that finding an 8-tipped Japanese maple leaf grant you an everlasting love?

**Kamakura City** is a tourist hotspot that attracts countless tourists around Japan not only because of its landmarks and beautiful scenery, but also because of a famous romantic legend. **Shinomiya Sana** is an upcoming actress that was picked to be star in a drama show that enacts the legend of the eight-pointed maple leaf. Though she just recently started acting, Shinomiya is already favored by many fans and was deemed perfect for the role of the female protagonist, there is however one flaw unbeknownst to all; Shinomiya Sana has no experience with love.

**Katsuragi Shouta**, a local high school student was one day asked by a girl that he mistakes as a tourist to take her photo. Entranced by her beauty, Shouta fled the scene right after taking her photo. Later on, Shouta discovers that the girl she took a photo of was none other than **Shinomiya Sana**. Due to their life changing encounter, one thing led to another resulting to Sana asking Shouta to act as her lover to rack up some love experience to improve her acting skills.

**Koisome Momiji** is a romance, shounen manga illustrated and written by **Tsugirou Sakamoto** and **Tadahiro Miura**. The series started as a one-shot which quickly gained popularity and was shortly serialized into a full series. **Weekly Shounen Jump** started the serializing of the series back in 2012 and ended in the same year with a total of four volumes.

The story proves that hard work and perseverance will always be rewarded and could even cause miracles while the art provides a refreshing feeling that perfectly depicts the story's sweetness. Need a dose of some classic romance? Then **Koisome Momiji** is the right medicine for yours. Combines with a heart-warming story and appealing art, this series will definitely make your heart flutter and skip a beat.



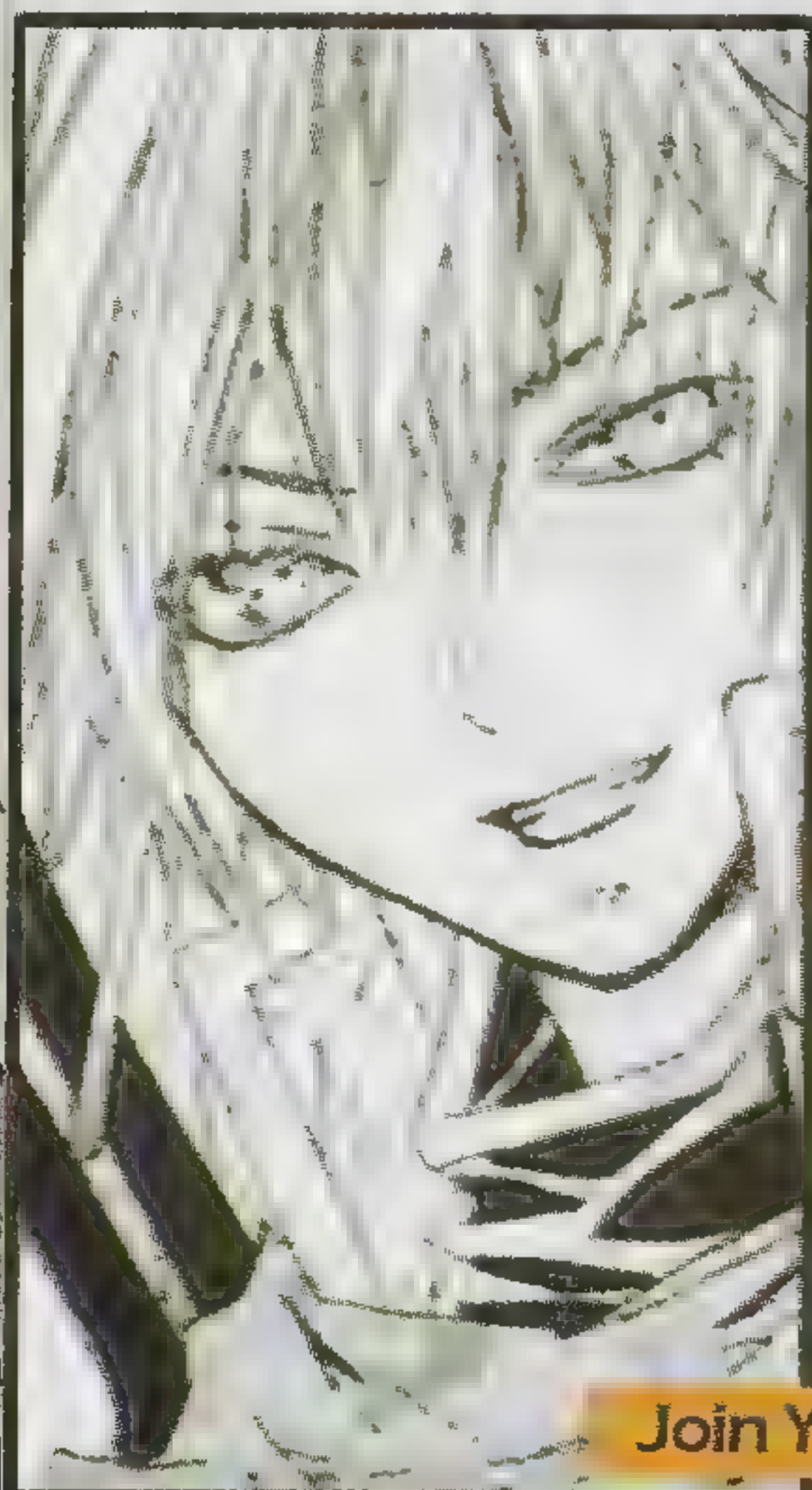


# SUPERIOR

Falling in love is a great feeling to all of us. You meet your significant person and being with them until "death do us part"; but how about falling in love with your enemy who has the mission to kill you. Will you still continue this feeling and hiding it forever even though learning is harsh? They say "hurt me with the truth instead of comforting me with a lie".

How can you be able to handle the truth?

The demon queen **Sheila** subdued enormous and powerful monster and slaughtered over half of the world's humankind population. She encounters a hero name **Yuusha** who mistaken her to be a victim of the dragon and saves her. **Yuusha** is the hope of humanity to slay the demon queen which is in fact Sheila who hides her identity to kill the hero. She pretends to have fallen in love with Yuusha and takes on the façade of a weak monster. She joins him in the journey to kill the demon queen, but with the promise of not killing the other monsters just because it's a monster. This makes Sheila more interested at the hero's objectives and follows him around. However, she realizes that she's fallen in love with the hero, and hence their journey begins.



**Superior** is an action, adventure, comedy, drama, fantasy, romance and shounen manga written and drawn by **Ichyts**. It is being serialized in **Gan Gan Powered** (Square Enix) and has a total of **27 chapters** of **7 volumes** released.

A demon queen and hero join together in complicated reasons. The demon queen wants to kill the hero after she gained his trust and a hero who is very kind and pure hearted one, but with the mission to kill the demon queen. Their comedy relief about many things will keep us company despite the fact that Sheila must kill Yuusha in order to take out the hope of humanity. Yet will she kill him or not?

Join Yuusha and Sheila's journey to the other castle to meet the demon queen.



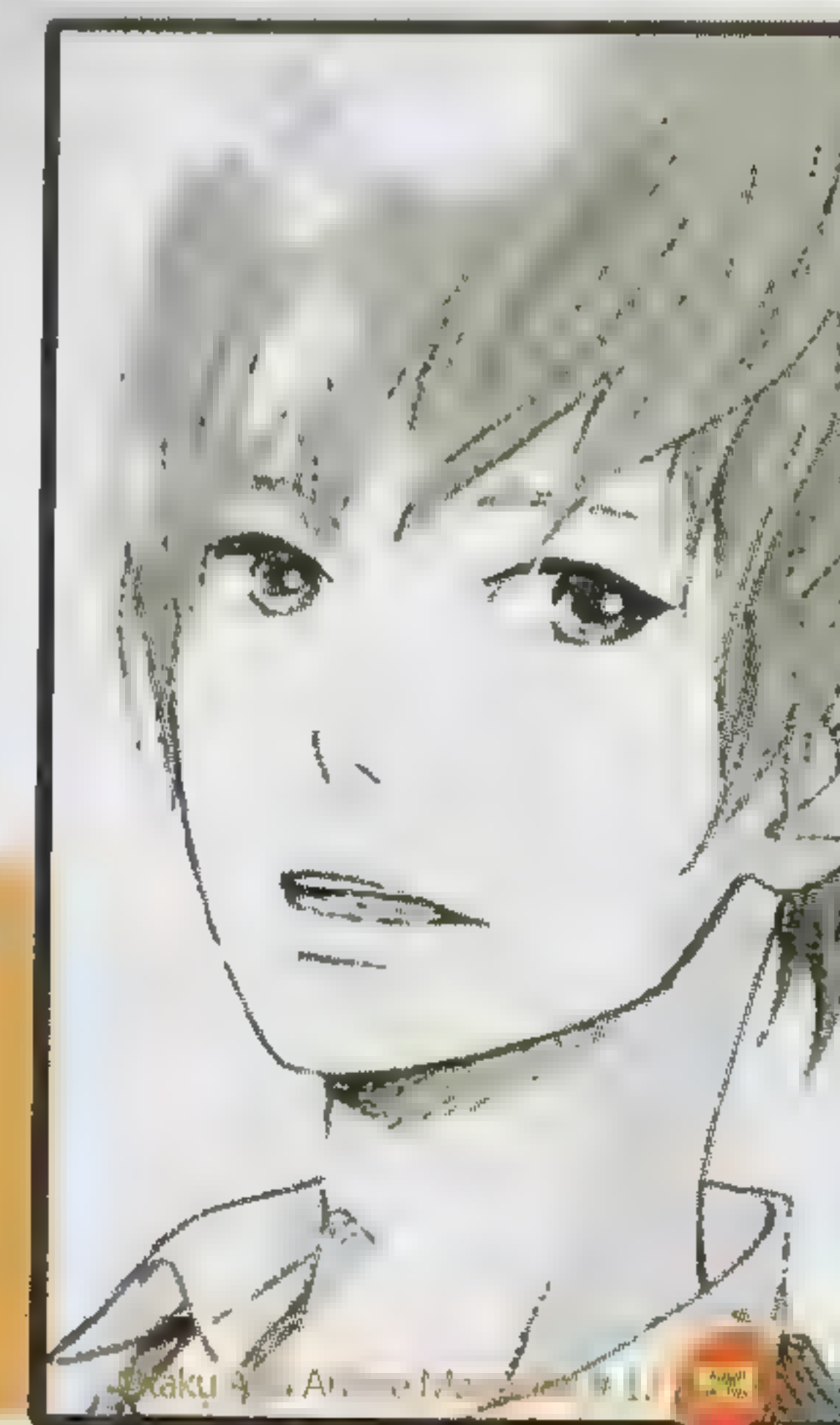
High School is a new step of opportunities to meet a lot of new people; meeting new students, new classmates, teachers and also your very own seatmate. What if your seatmate was the person with the least you expect to develop feelings? Will you continue this feeling even though he is very popular in the class? And even she is friend with his ex-girlfriend? Can she handle the challenge?

**Utako "Utamaru" Furuya** is a shy and reserved person. She is living in the next town, so she travels just to go to school. She sits next to the popular and sociable **Harada Naoyuki** who always forgot his textbooks. One day, she offers him bread during lunch and starting that day they became friends. They constantly talk and having a common interest. Because Utako has a big ears which is her initial asset besides her height, Harada thinks it's one of her great asset that made her blush out of shyness. Utako is a natural worrisome person that is why she avoids doing any mistakes or awkwardness to Harada like when he as her to go home together. She refuses in a way to avoid awkwardness and reserving what she actually feels about it. Harada in the other hand is a straight forward person and insist on being friends with Utamaru.

What will this friendship-classmate-seatmate relationship end up with? Will Utamaru finally be an honest person to Harada? Can this be any development of the two?

**Yamakawa Aiji's Stand Up!** is a romance, school life, slice of life and shoujo manga that was released last 2013. It has been serialized in **Betsuma** (Shueisha) with a total of **7 chapters** of **2 volumes**.

**Stand Up!** is a story to all of us that can relate a developmental relationship when it comes to our seatmate. In every girl or boy there is an insecurity that keeping us from opening a chance to make friends or opening up to others, but it is not hindrance for us to knowing them. This manga can make us realize what is the important in each step of being a high school and coping up with things around us especially our classmates.







## STAND BY ME Doraemon

Ever wanted to soar in the air with just a cap that has a small helicopter blade? Perhaps even a time machine to change some mistakes we did in the past, or to check out your future partner? And don't forget the door that brings you to another place! Who doesn't love teleportation? One lucky kid had all these and more, but it was all with the help of a robot cat.



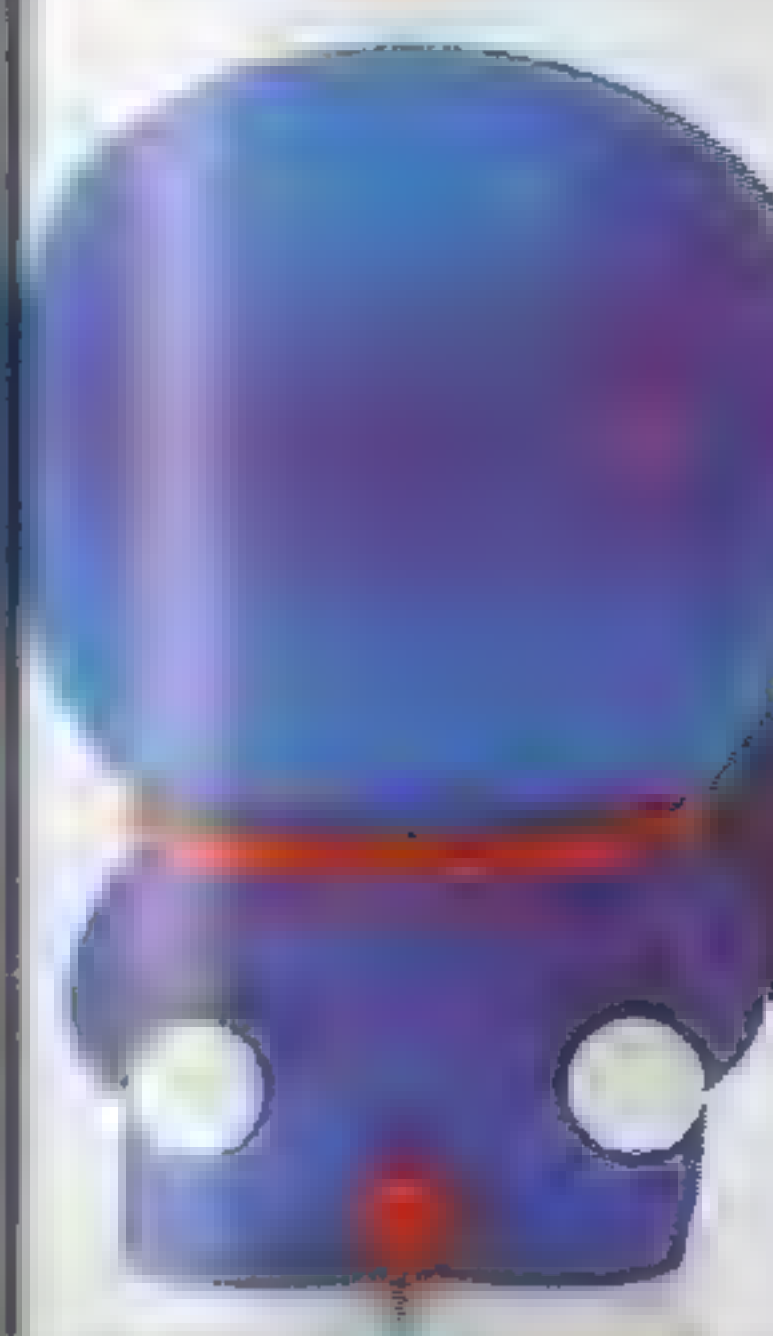
Directors Takashi Yamazaki and Ryūichi Yagi are bringing the characters of **Doraemon** to life and this time, as a three-dimensional computer graphics on the big screen by the title **Stand By Me Doraemon**. It is in celebration of the 80th birthday of the late co-creator, **Hiroshi Fujimoto**. The story was first created by manga duo Fujiko Fujio (Hiroshi Fujimoto and Motoo Abiko) in a manga series in 1969. It eventually evolved into numerous manga volumes, anime series and films.



From his four-dimensional pocket, **Doraemon** can pull out any futuristic gadget to resolve (and sometimes even worsen) the problems of a young boy named **Nobita**. Nobita's grandson from the future sent Doraemon to the present time to help Nobita go through his childhood. Together, they embark into an adventure that viewers will find humorous and moving. The film is described as Doraemon's first and final story, and it might be a tearjerker, especially when Doraemon says he can no longer stay with Nobita.



Doraemon is a big part of the childhood of most Filipinos. To us, it tells a story of a young boy we sometimes associate with our native Juan Tamad because of his overdependence to Doraemon but more than that, it is revelry of friendship. Through friendship, the pain, fears and sadness brought about by unfortunate childhood situations such as being bullied and feeling alone subsides.



Stand By Me Doraemon is, by all means, a film to watch not only because of its graphics that look like they're real but also because of the nostalgia and morals it brings. It is really sad when we have to say goodbye to someone but no matter what, this robot cat will always have a place in our hearts, and in that of Nobita's.



# 悪魔のりびる

Admit it, when you are a kid, you thought that girls from exclusive schools are all that – pretty, talented, smart, ambitious, and rich. Well, for the boys out there who are looking for a girl from an exclusive school, we heard that those from Myoujou Academy are quite a catch – beautiful, appealing, devious, and deadly. Guess you'd better steer clear of those lovely little lasses and just watch them from afar as they go for each other's throats in Akuma no Riddle.

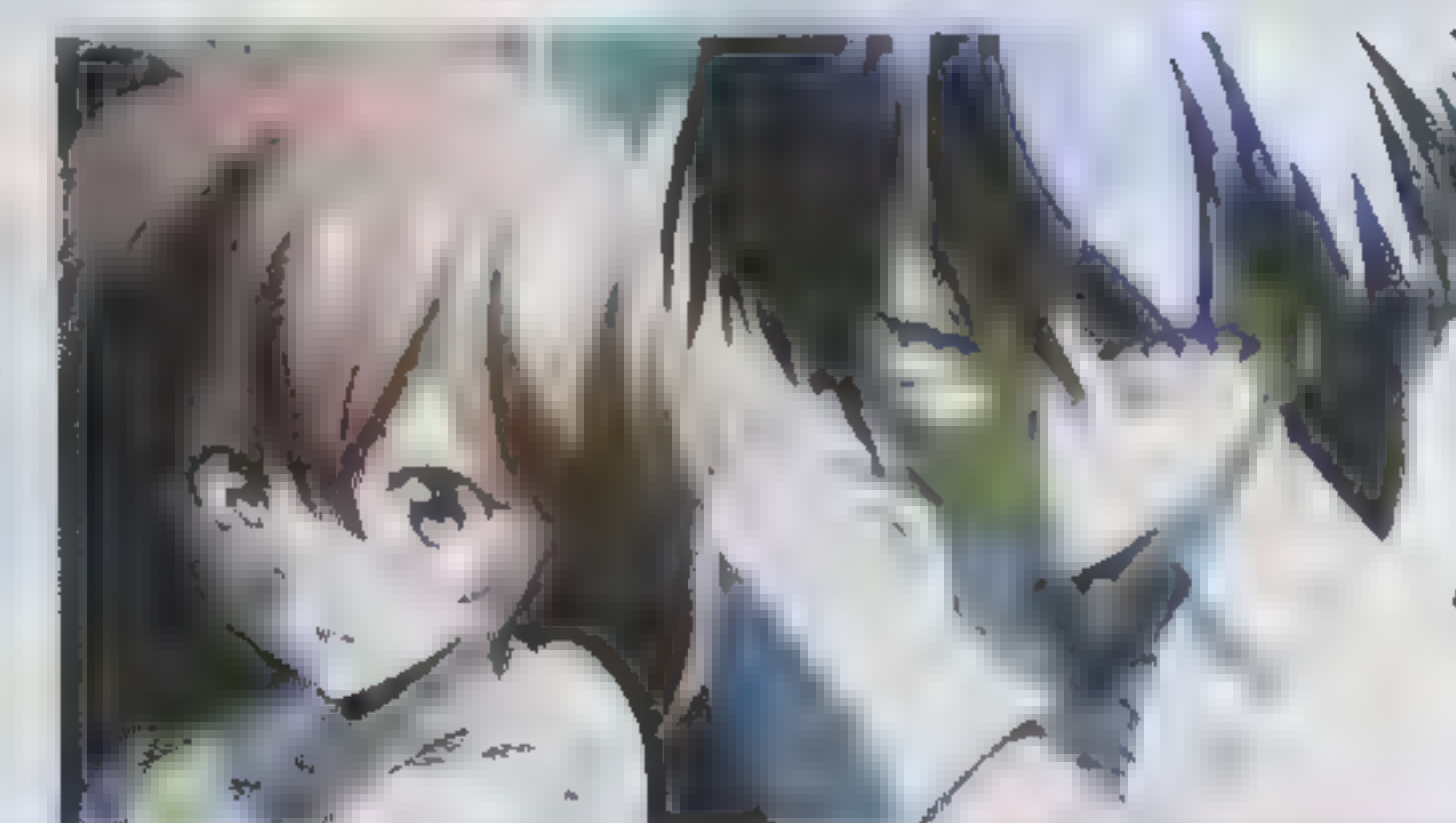
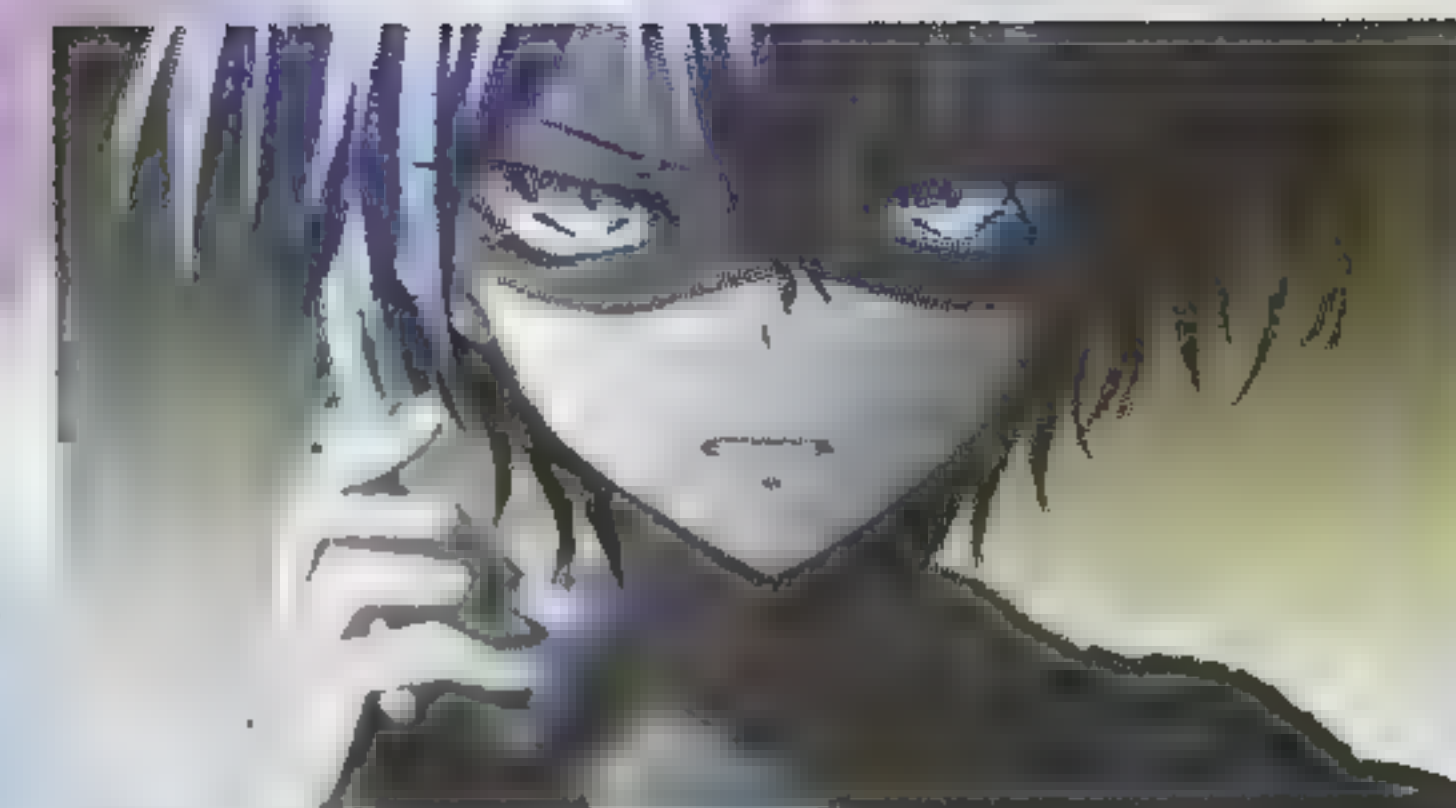
Akuma no Riddle or "Riddle Story of Devil", is based on a manga written by Yun Kōga and illustrated by Sunao Minakata. The story is centered on Tokaku Azuma, a teenage girl who is an assassin with a bloody and mysterious past. Not only is she a student of the prestigious all-girls Myoujou Academy, but also in its Class Black – the school's most elite class. However, contrary to what the student populace knows, Class Black is elite because twelve out of its thirteen students, including Tokaku, are assassins, and the remaining one is meant to be their victim – Haru Ichinose, a sweet, kind, and friendly girl. However, they can't kill her right of the bat, as there are rules; they can only attempt to kill Haru if they declare an attack, they must succeed 48 hours after they declared the attack and if she succeeds, she will be granted one wish. If she fails, she will be expelled.

Tokaku became friends with Haru and discovers her tragic past and was swayed to discontinue her mission and protect Haru from the rest of Class Black. In a game only femme fatales can play, it will take more than the luck of the devil for Tokaku and Haru to survive.



## TOKAKU AZUMA

a cool, calm, and stoic girl, Tokaku has been sent by a mysterious man named "Mr. Kaiba" to be a part of Class Black and assassinate Haru Ichinose. However, because of their friendship, she abandoned her mission and decided to protect Haru from everyone else. Being part of the Azuma clan, a powerful clan of assassins that has an influence on the country's fate, she has not only been trained in the assassination arts ever since a child, but also holds a mysterious past related to the secrets of her clan. Despite the way she was raised, she is morally upright, always managing to protect Haru without having to kill her assailants.



## HARU ICHINOSE

the target of the entire Class Black save Tokaku, Haru is cute, sweet, bubbly, kind, friendly, and forgiving – someone you'd definitely hesitate on killing. Although she knows that her life is under constant threat from her classmates, she continues to be nice and pleasant towards them, even after attempting to kill her. Because of this, Tokaku, her protector, sees her as naive. She has endured a lot of pain from those who wish to murder her, as her family has been killed protecting her. With their great sacrifice always in her heart and mind, she strongly believes that she will live through any attack that will come her way.



## ISUKE INUKAI

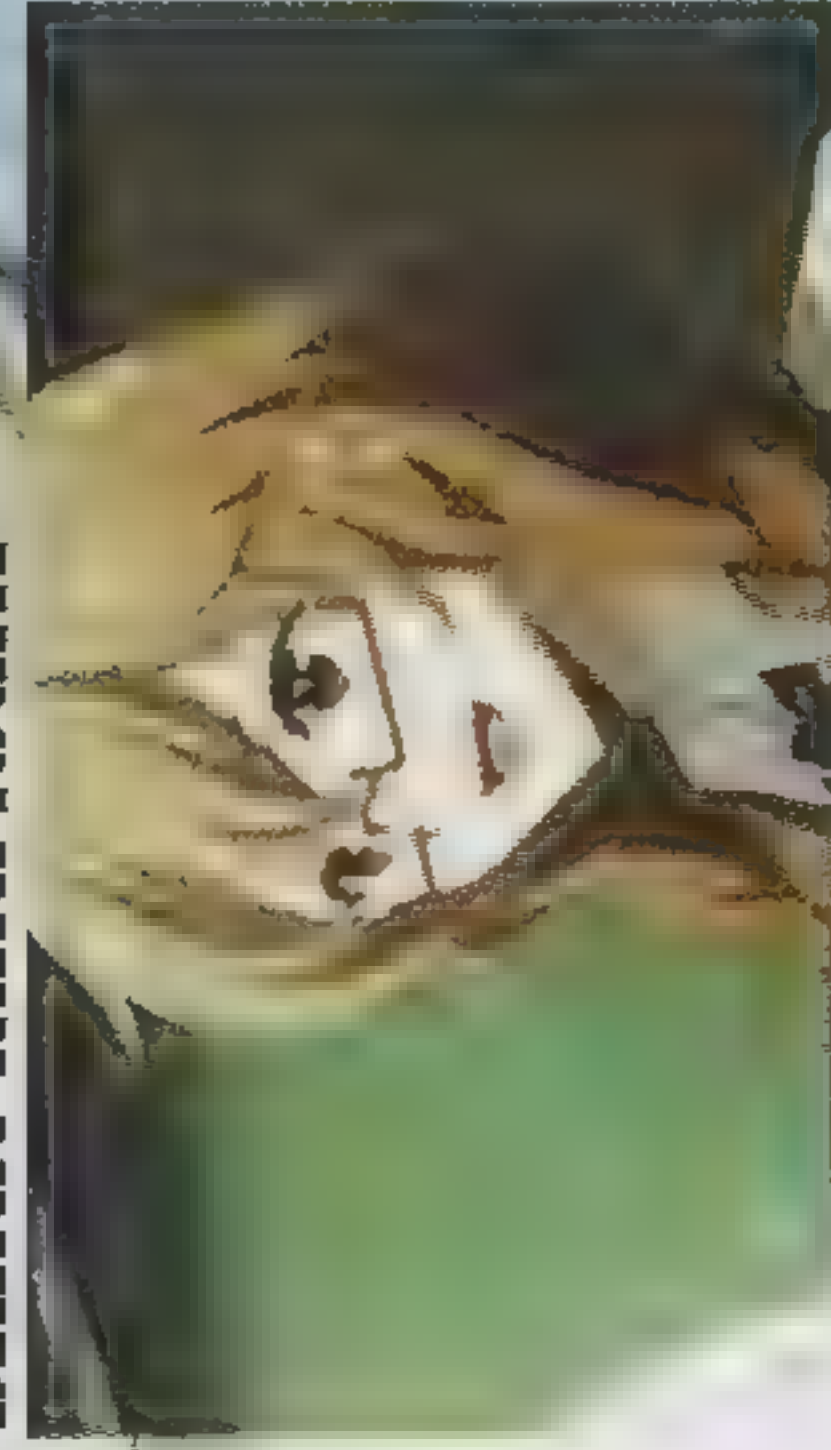
Isuke is one devious go-getter; attacking Haru even before the announcement of the target and the explanation of the rules. She's also quite bossy and domineering, always demanding to be called "Isuke-sama". Not much is known about her, aside from according to her, both her mother and father are dead, which is a mystery in itself.





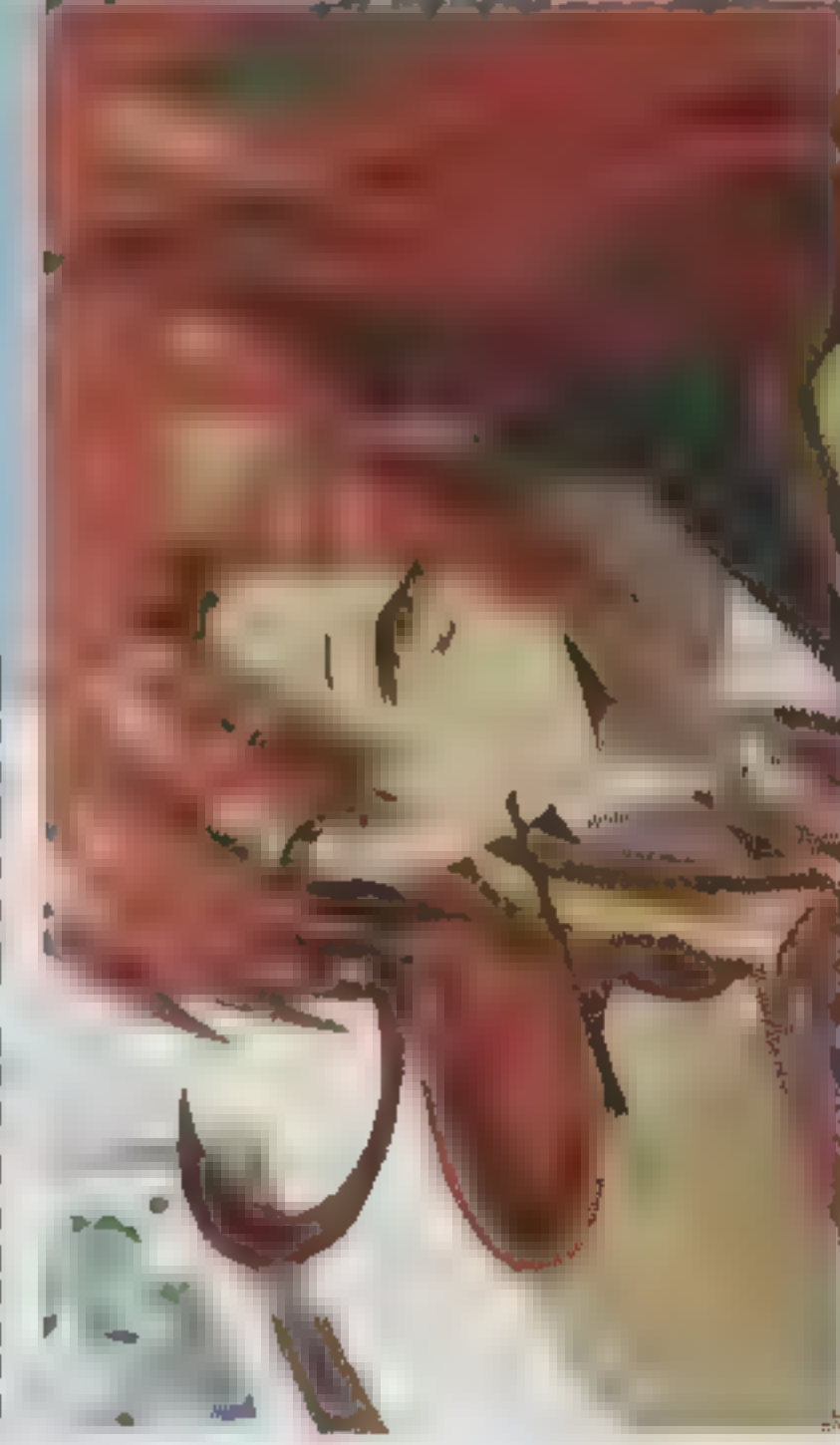
Visually, the anime is a dark yet beautiful piece of work. Produced by Diomedea and FUNimation Entertainment, the show boasts of fluid animation that really shows the elaborate movements of the during fast-paced action scenes, as well stylish character designs that are the epitome of cool. The washed-out colors of the backgrounds accentuate the grim atmosphere of the show.

#### SIENA KENMOCHI



Siena is a bright and outgoing girl, one you won't suspect of being an assassin. Even though she is definitely a trained killer, she is totally helpless without her glasses.

#### HARUKI SAGAE

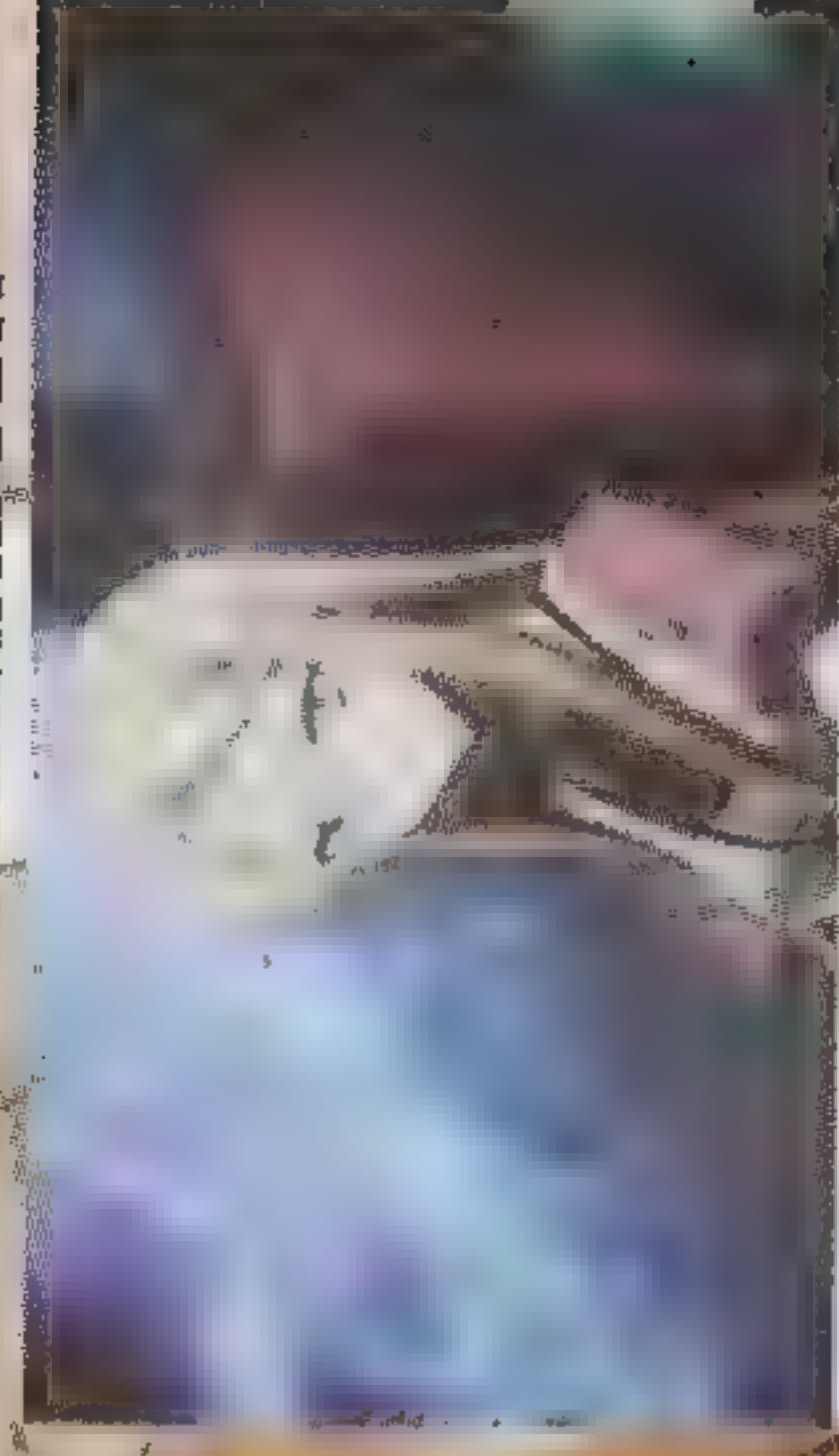


Haruki is the girl who's always got a piece of Pocky in her mouth – the image of a brash thrill-seeker who just rolls however she pleases. Despite her attitude, she has a soft spot for her siblings.

The show follows a formulaic enemy-of-the-week format: an assassin declares an attack on Haru, her backstory and preparations are elaborated, and Tokaku looks after Haru's back and thwarts off the attack. Such setup is both bad and good: bad because it gets repetitive and predictable; and good because each of the assassins get to have the spotlight and have their personalities, pasts, and motivations are explored. Another good thing from the setup is that it makes full use of the premise of the show, which is based on the rules for killing Haru.

The characters are one of the show's strong suits. The two leads, on the other hand, are able to make the audience not only care about them, but also curious about the way they act. For Tokaku, it's her vow to protect Haru and refusal to kill. And for Haru, it's her positive and trusting demeanor despite threats on her life, as well as her inability to harbor resentment for her assailants. Aside from that, their mysterious pasts, which would explain their behavior that seem to be inappropriate considering the current situation, their contrasting personalities that synchronize naturally, and Haru's pleasant demeanor affecting Tokaku give the audience another reason to stick around and root for the protagonists.

#### SUMIREKO HANABUSA



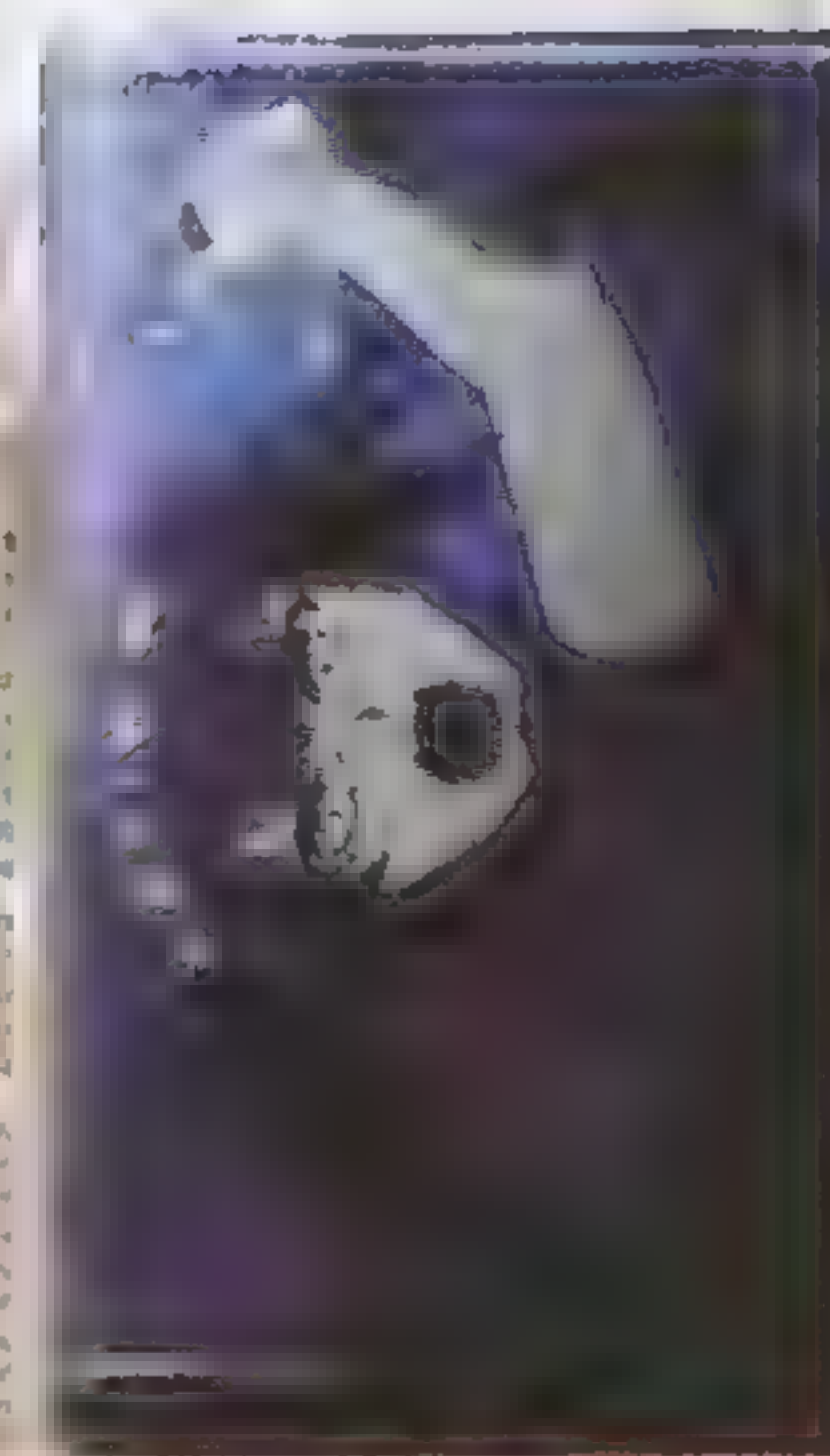
the the daughter of a wealthy and powerful CEO. Sickly and frail, she only uses furniture she has personally brought in.

#### HITSUGI KIRIGAYA



despite looking like an elementary schooler, Hitsugi is an intelligent and mild-mannered member of Class Black, only second to Haru when it comes to niceness. She is always with Namatame Chitaru, who acts as her guardian.

#### KOUKO KAMAYARI

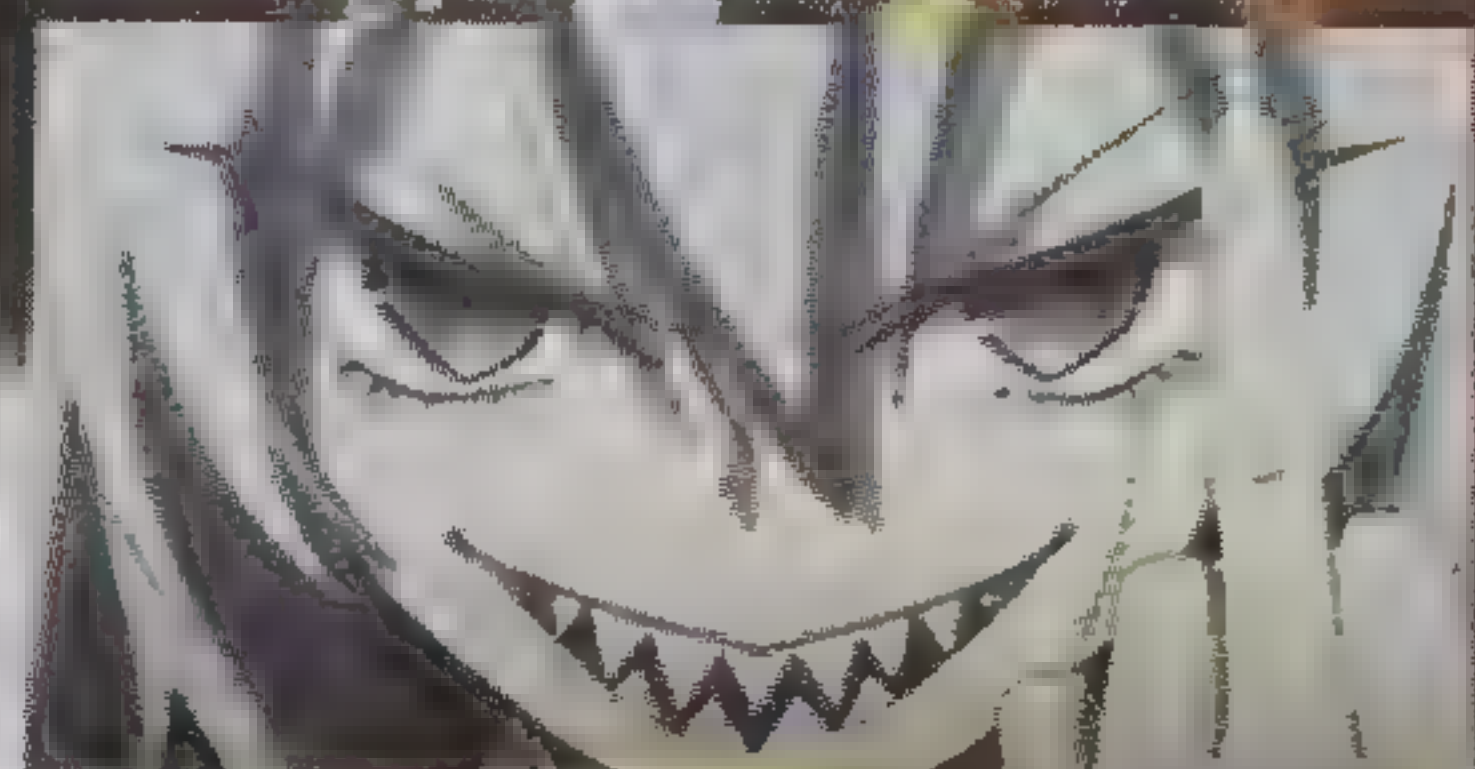


thanks to her expertise in explosive traps, Kouko would make a good assassin, but she doesn't want to be one, even though she was raised by the church to be as such, because she believes she is not cut out to be a killer. However, she is good in academics, as she was able to give Haru answers for a difficult math problem, as well as volunteer herself as a class representative.



The supporting characters, on the other hand, are cool and diverse, and have few things alike with each other. However, most of them are flat characters and adhere to certain tropes, making them less relatable. Nevertheless, their many differences from one another creates a sense of variety – a much-needed element given the format of the show. Also, some of them, especially those given much screen time and plot relevance, despite being flat characters, become just as interesting as the leads.

#### SHINYA/MAHIRU BANBA



two personalities rolled in one body – that is Shinya and Mahiru. Mahiru, who is soft-spoken and timid to a fault, manifests herself in the day. When the sun sets, Shinya, the frightening persona with the killer intent, sets in.

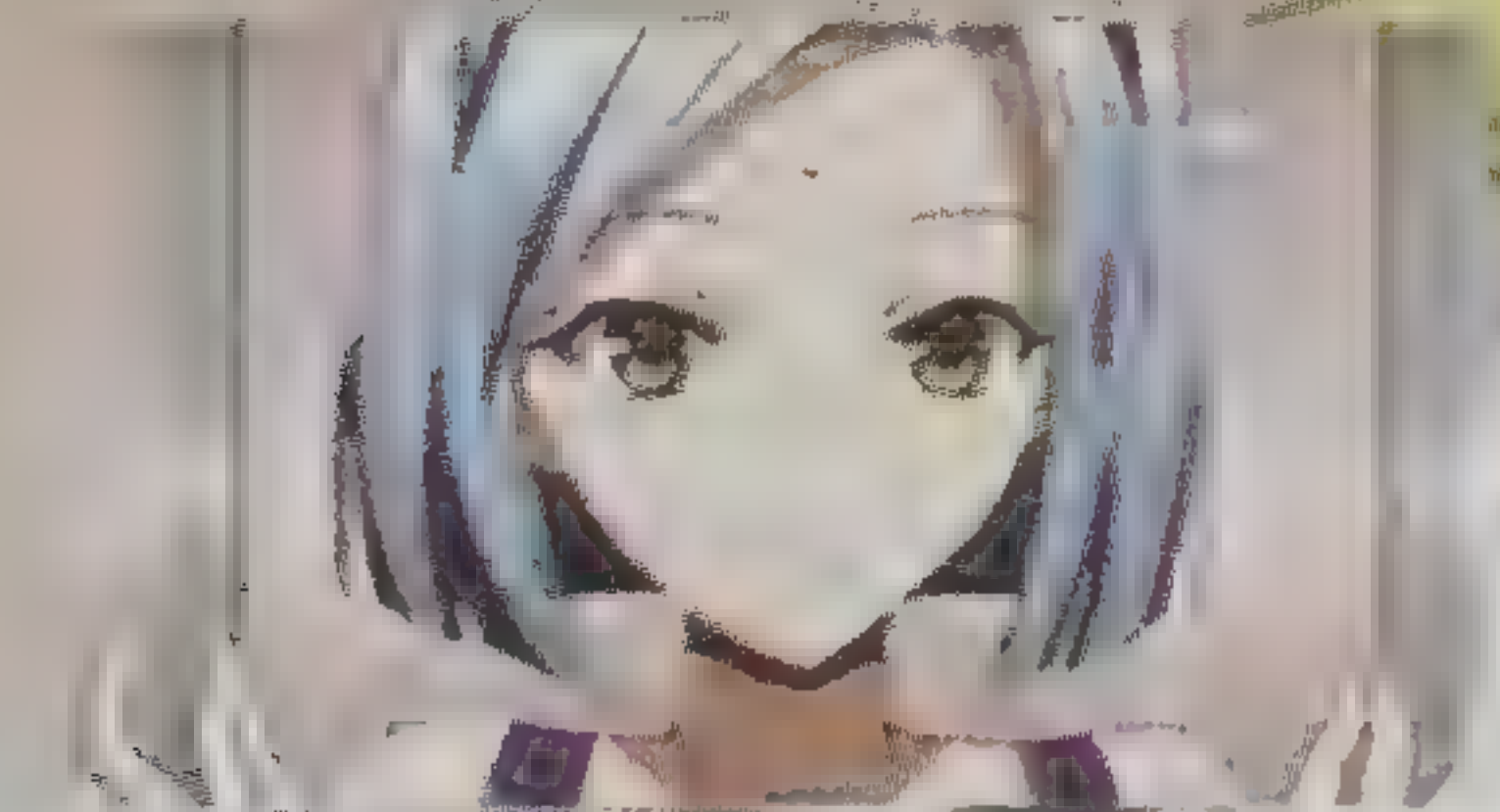
#### OTOYA TAKECHI



having earned the moniker of Jack the Ripper of the 21st Century. Otoya is a sadistic psychopath who derives pleasure in killing.

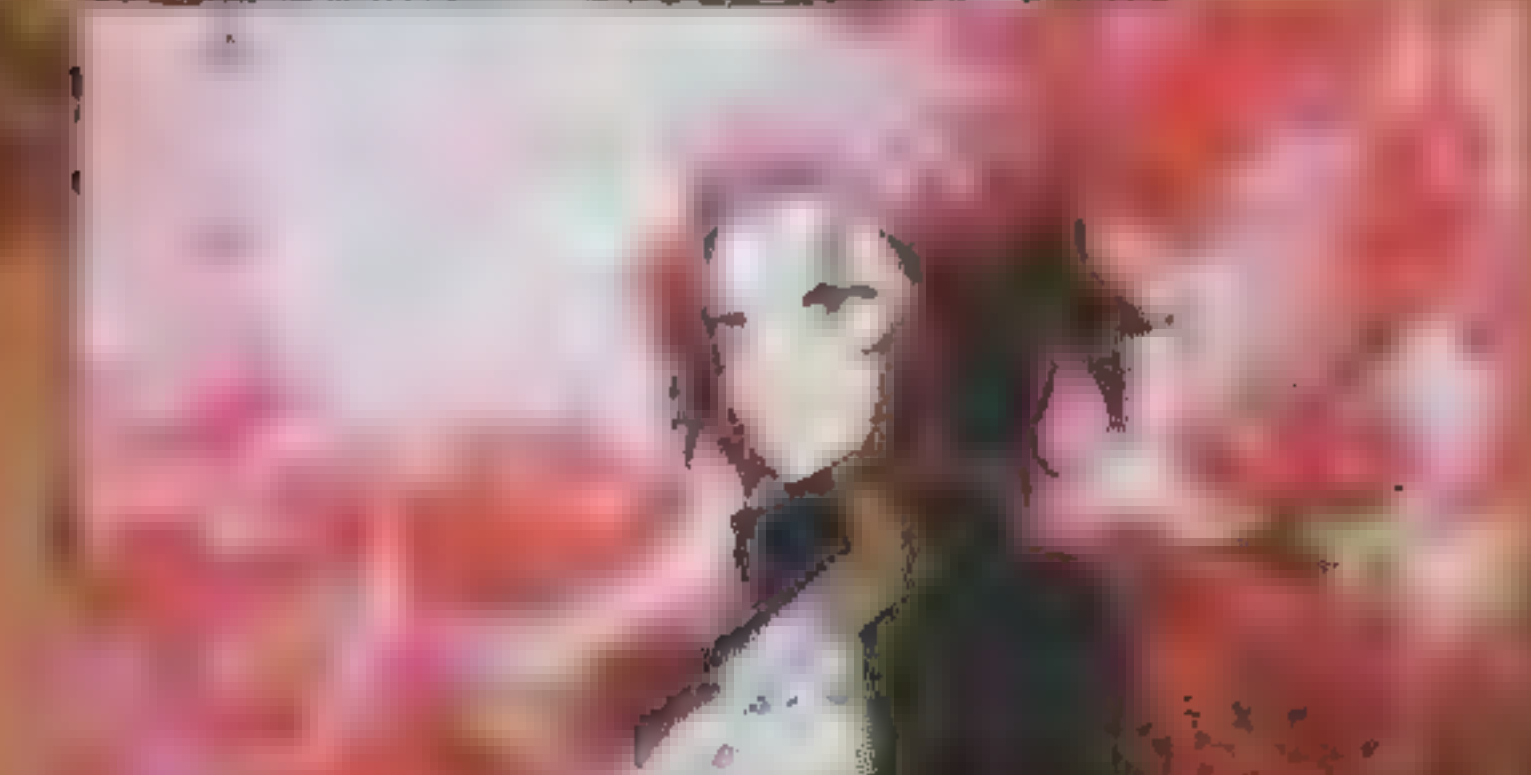
Falling under the survival-action genre, the show, aside from being filled with over-the-top edge-of-your-seat action between girl assassins, has a dark and heavy tone contribute by the art style, as well as the mysteries with the plot and characters. Still, despite the air, it does have its light moments thanks to some lighthearted and comedic interactions of the characters. While it is sometimes inappropriate, abrupt, and causes an unwelcome shift in the mood, it works wonders in lightening the mood when done right.

#### SUZU SKUTO



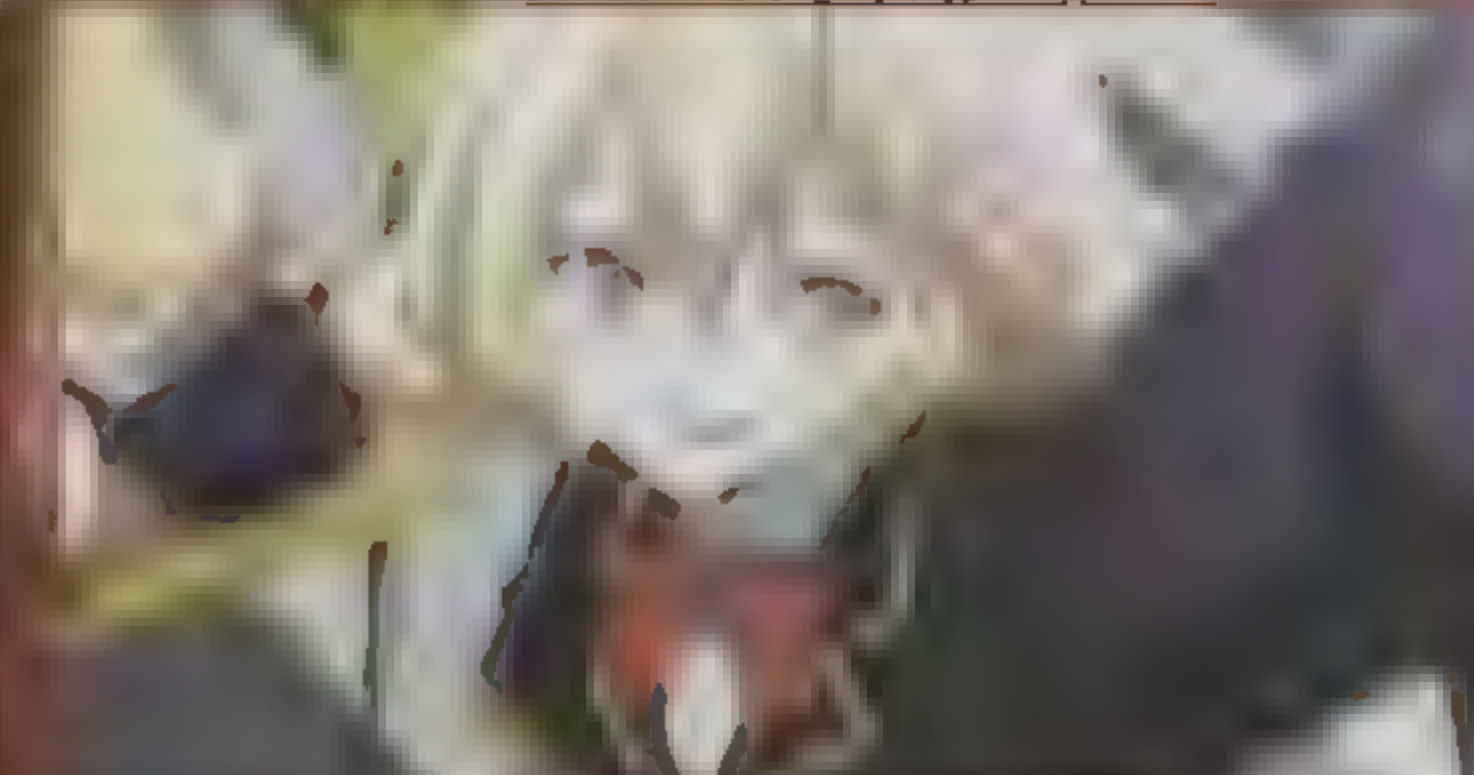
Not much is known about Suzu, aside from her athletic looks and being physically active, as well as being roommates with Kouko.

#### CHITARU NAMATANE



Chitaru is the tallest girl in Class Black, and is the one among them who looks like a bishounen. She protects Hitsugi, and has stated to Tokaku and Haru that she and Hitsugi has no interests in attacking Haru.

#### NIO MASHIRI



a petite blonde who's a little ball of fun, Nio provides the comedy relief whenever Haru isn't. But don't let her joker act get the best of you – she's the one in contact with the higher-ups of Myoujou Academy.





# TITANIZED WARFARE TITANFALL™

Among all the FPS games we've played, we have yet to see a game where players can pilot a giant robot in the battlefield instead of traditional military vehicles like tanks and buggys while carrying weapons developed from the most cutting edge technology of their time. But now in 2014, that game concept has finally become a reality.

**Titanfall** is the newest addition to the First-Person Shooter game genre and Respawn Entertainment's debut game. The game was released last March 11 and is published by Electronic Arts exclusively for PC, Xbox 360 and Xbox One. Ever since its trailer release, **Titanfall** became one of the most highly anticipated game of the year due to the fact that the people who formed Respawn used to be co-founders of **Infinity Ward**—the game company responsible for the successful **Call of Duty** franchise.

## SETTING

Set on a derelict and war-torn planet with the **Interstellar Manufacturing Corporation (IMC)** and the **Militia** fighting against each other for the natural resources. Both factions have access to advanced military weaponry and agile bipedal tanks called "**Titans**".

## GAMEPLAY

Even though campaign mode is available, **Titanfall** doesn't allow the player to play solo as the game is basically an **online game**.

Players may choose to constantly move around the battlefield as a free-running pilot or get inside a Titan to cause some serious damage. Unlike most FPS games, human pilots in **Titanfall** are much more agile and can accumulate momentum while running which allows them to wallrun, double jump with their jetpacks or even glide across ziplines. Titans on the other hand, have its jumping ability replaced with a dash maneuver that can be used for a limited time.

All pilots have **anti-Titan weapons** equipped by default along with their customized gun selection. They also have access to tactical abilities such as **x-ray vision**, **stealth camouflage** and **regenerating speed boosts**. Trying to fight against a Titan is not an easy feat, but it'll be worth the effort if the pilot has successfully destroyed or hijacked an enemy pilot's Titan. Pilots can eject from heavily-damaged Titans before it explodes, and the Titan replacement timer is reset upon the Titan's termination.

There are three different Titan classes that differs in speed, size and armor: **Atlas**, **Ogre** and **Stryder**. Each chassis has a respective core power that works on a cooldown timer. Their tactical abilities are the vortex shield and the Titan-concealing smoke that keeps the pilots from climbing the Titan's back.

**Titanfall** has a total of **five multiplayer modes** and **15 game maps** to choose from. All game modes have **AI-controlled soldiers** called "**Grunts**" for the **Militia** side and "**Spectres**" for the **IMC** side. Grunts and Spectres are meant to be in the map for scenery and sometimes, another source of points for the players in **Attrition mode**. Whenever a team wins, the game ends with the losing team trying to retreat to their evacuation dropship while the winning team attempts to deny their extraction.



## REVIEW

**Titanfall** managed to add what was missing in the FPS genre, but the downside is that the game modes aren't as innovative as we thought it would be. Visually, it's the most detailed FPS game ever created. As there's little story in **Titanfall**, the campaign mode was just like a long tutorial for the players to get a grasp of the game's system. However, despite its shortcomings, **Titanfall** was able to deliver quality gaming experience since the game's selling point was adding parkour elements to the fast-paced gunfighting and fighting with or against giant robots that are considered as superweapons by today's standards.

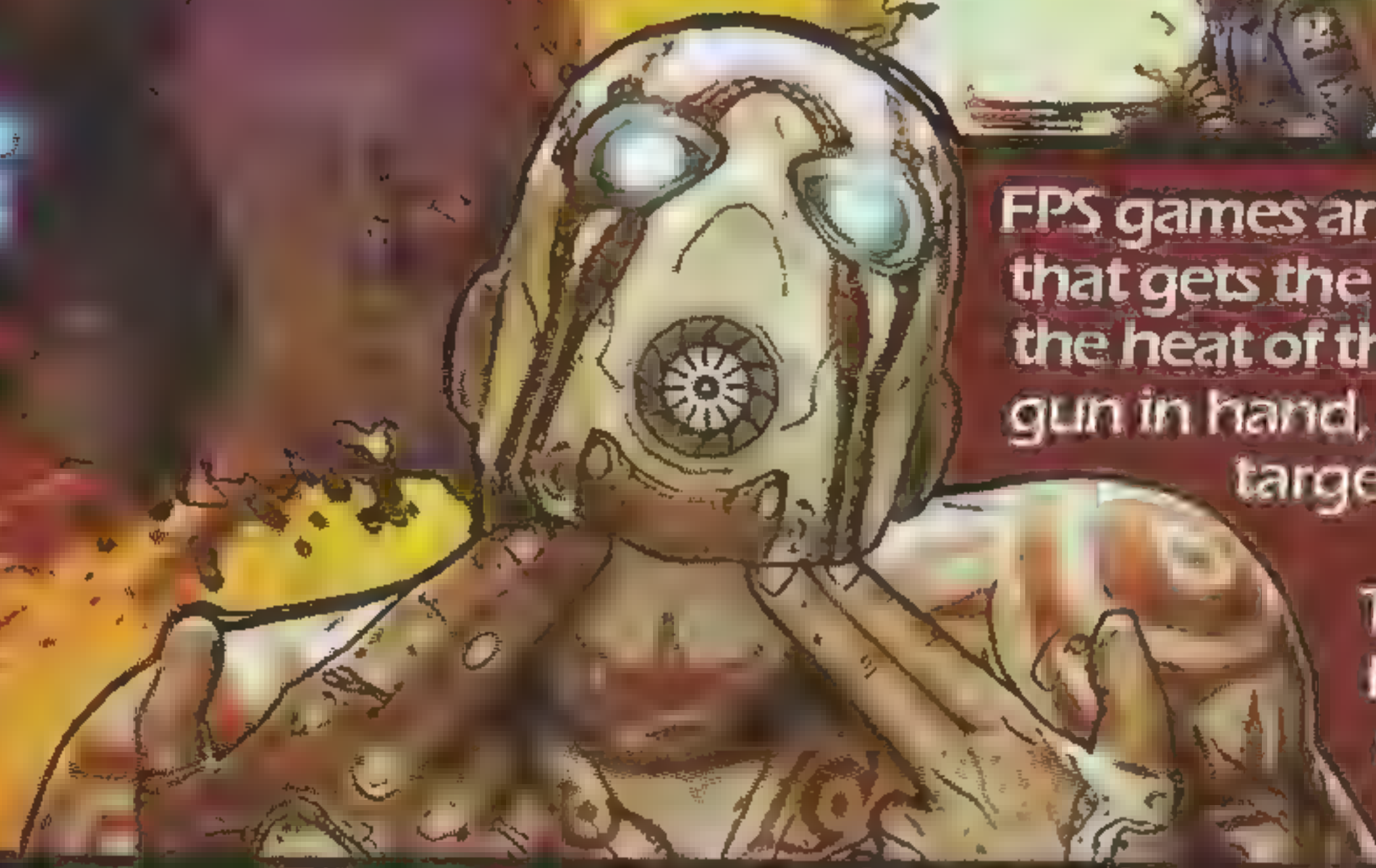
In this game, there is no such thing as "Pick on someone your own size". While Titans obviously have a slight advantage against pilots, they can be destroyed by anti-Titan weapons or by hijacking the unit and disabling it from the outside. Whether the player decides to play as a pilot on-foot or ride a Titan, their ingenuity will be useful in order to make a difference.

If you're getting tired of playing online FPS games because they're basically the same, **Titanfall** might be able to change your mind. Once you've tried playing the game, you will realize that it'll take more than reflexes and headshots to survive in the field.





# TREADING THE BORDERLANDS 2

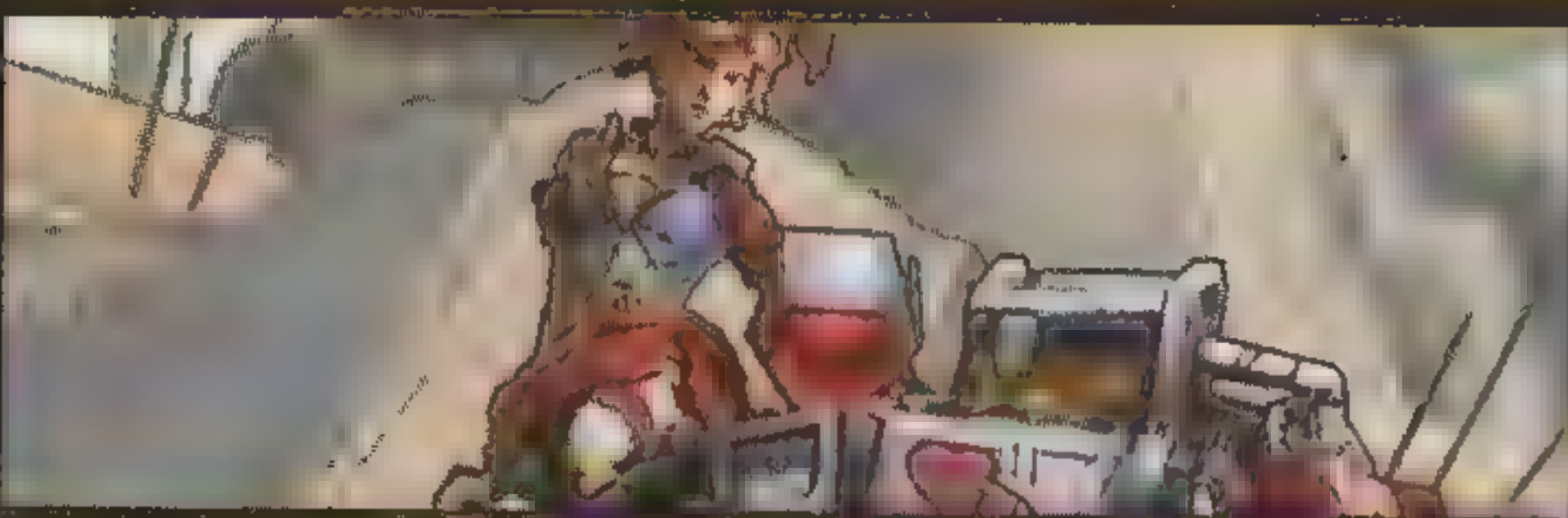


FPS games are one of the most popular game genres that gets the player to pump up their adrenaline as the heat of the raging shootout continues. With a gun in hand, your objective is to eliminate all hostile targets in a specific area.

They say that nothing else matters in an FPS game aside from your gun selection, but what if we combine various RPG elements in a shooter

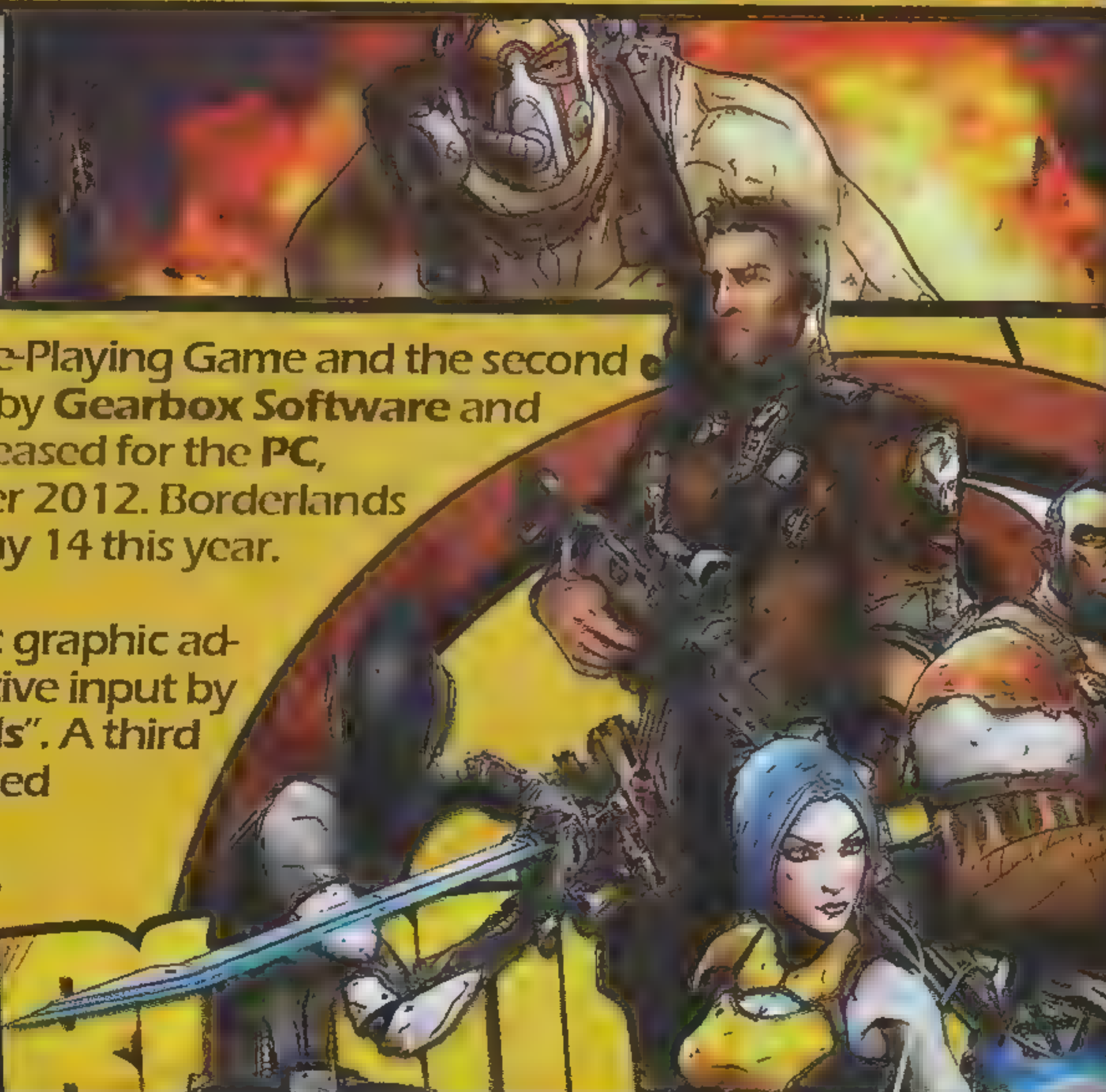
Four Vault Hunters were guided by a mysterious entity known as "The Guardian Angel" on the planet of Pandora to the Vault. Instead of alien technology, what they encountered was an alien abomination called "The Destroyer" inside the Vault. Upon defeating the monster, Handsome Jack of the Hyperion Corporation seizes the "Eridium" that started flourishing through the planet's crust and plans to use it under the pretense of "bringing peace" to Pandora. Now, Jack has the authority over the denizens of Pandora from his massive H-shaped satellite that can be seen in-front of Pandora's moon.

Five years later, a different group of Vault Hunters are drawn to Pandora thanks to the rumor that an even larger Vault is hidden somewhere in the planet. They are also tasked to kill Handsome Jack and restore peace to Pandora.



**Borderlands 2** is a First-Person Shooter Role-Playing Game and the second game in the Borderlands series. Developed by Gearbox Software and published by 2K Games. The game was released for the PC, PlayStation 3, and Xbox 360 on September 2012. Borderlands 2 was also ported to PlayStation Vita last May 14 this year.

The Borderlands series will have an episodic graphic adventure game by Telltale games with creative input by Gearbox titled "Tales from the Borderlands". A third game is also in the works by 2K Australia titled "Borderlands: The Pre-Sequel". Both games are set to be released this 2014.



## GAMEPLAY

Borderlands 2 has a campaign mode where players can do story quests and optional side-quests while taking the role of one of the four Vault Hunters. Just like the first game, RPG elements such as character-building, online collaborative campaign and randomly generated loots of items are in Borderlands 2. There are a total of four initial classes for the players to choose from: Commando, Siren, Gunzerker and Assassin, as well as two DLC characters: Mechromancer and Psycho.



As a first-person shooter game, the player can have a wide-selection of both melee and ranged weapons from different weapon manufacturers. Each weapon, regardless of the type, has different strengths and weaknesses based on its manufacturer. Since there are RPG elements in Borderlands 2, experience points are gained for killing normal enemies, bosses, or completing quests. Players can also allocate points on their skill tree to give them an edge when facing baddies on Pandora. They can also get bonus stats from earning Badass tokens which is rewarded by completing challenges.

## REVIEW

Incorporating RPG elements into an FPS game is the reason why Borderlands 2 is unique from most shooter games. One of its charms is the open-world feature where players can immerse themselves inside the planet of Pandora, searching for stronger weapons, completing quests or even commencing boss battles.



Loots are everything in Borderlands 2. A seasoned RPG player will always welcome a rare colored item coming out of a chest or dropped by a recently slain enemy with open arms. Guns may be similar to one another, but the stat bonuses and augmentations will be a huge factor in selecting the player's best loadout. Borderlands 2 made looting a very rewarding feature for players because they are bound to obtain better equipment than what they already have in their hands throughout the game.

Character building has become more diverse than the first game as players are now given the chance to customize their chosen class to suit their playstyle. For instance, one player's Assassin focused on sniping while the other is specialized in melee-based stealth kills. Skill points can also be reallocated over and over, but it'll cost the player a negligible fee.

Borderlands 2 is a game that gave its players the best of both worlds. If 30 hours of playtime wasn't enough, there are other game modes and DLCs that will motivate players to continue filling enemies with holes and get away with the loot. Out of the four platforms, Borderlands 2 is best played on a high-end PC for the best shoot-and-loot experience.





## ALONES (Bleach)

Oreta awai tsubasa  
Kimi wa sukoshi  
Aosugiru sora ni tsu-  
kareta dake sa  
Mou dareka no tame  
janakute  
Jibun no tame ni  
waratte ii yo

Izen to shite shinobi-  
yoru kodoku  
Uchigawa ni tomoru  
rousoku  
Nigiwau ba ni gouka  
na shanderia to wa  
urahara ni  
Tarina! kotoba no  
Kubomi o nani de  
umetara ii n' darou  
Mou wakaranai yo  
Semete yume  
no naka de  
Jiyuu ni oyogetara  
anna sora mo  
iranai no ni  
Kinou made no  
koto wo  
Nuritsubusa nakute  
mo asu ni mukaeru  
no ni

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# AQUATIMEZ

"Oreta awai tsubasa~"

Who isn't familiar to these lyrics. With a number of their songs used in anime soundtracks, Aqua Timez, a popular Japanese alternative-pop-rock band, sure is a hit to every otaku.

The band formed in 2000 after two of the original members (Futoshi – Vocal, and OKP-Star – Bass) met on the internet and discovered that they attended the same university. The two attempted to start a band together. Unable to agree on the band's future, the two disbanded.

In 2003, the current band members gathered and formed "Aqua Timez". Their first independent music mini album, "Sora Ippai ni Kanaderu Inori", was released on August 2005. In 2006, the group were signed to Epic Records Japan and released their second mini album, "Nanairo no Rakuga-ki". In the same year they released two singles, "Ketsui no Asa ni" and "Sen no Yoru o Koete", which were used as the theme music in the animated films "Brave Story" and "Bleach: Memories of Nobody" respectively.

Later that year, the full first album for the band was released. Kaze wo Atsumete was their first full length album and reached a peak position of 3rd on the Oricon charts. Since its release, the album has sold over 200,000 copies. "Shiori", their third single, was used in commercials for a brand of beverage known as Mitsuya Cider.

The following year in 2007, their fourth single "Alones", was used by the anime Bleach as its 6th opening song. In 2009, their 8th single "Velonica", was used again by the anime Bleach as its 9th opening song.

As of September 2012, they have published a total of 2 mini albums, 15 singles, 5 albums, and a single compilation album.



Are you familiar with Sket Dance? In the episode entitled "Sketchbook", where Bossun, being the leader of the Sket Dan and with his passion to help others, decided to form a band. Along with his friends Himeko and Switch, they named it "the Sketchbook", and together they dedicated a song for the violinist during the school festival.

The band sung "Funny Bunny" and "Michi". The songs were dubbed by a real life band "The Sketchbook" which was created for the anime itself.

The Sketchbook is a band which was produced through The Sketchbook Project and is named for the band formed by the Sket Dan during the Kaimei Rock Festival. The band, being active since the formal announcement of their formation in July 2011, performed the vast majority of opening/ending themes for the Sket Dance anime. They are affiliated with Avex entertainment.

SKET+Sketch is a group which consists of Hiroyuki Yoshino, Ryoko Shiraishi, and Tomokazu Sugita, the seiyuu for Bossun, Himeko, and Switch respectively with The Sketchbook (but not only Hiroshi Tada, the guitarist Riko Kohara and drummer Yuu Watanabe also sing). They sing the anime's 6th ending theme "Sekai wa Okujo de Miwatasete".

# SKETCH BOOK

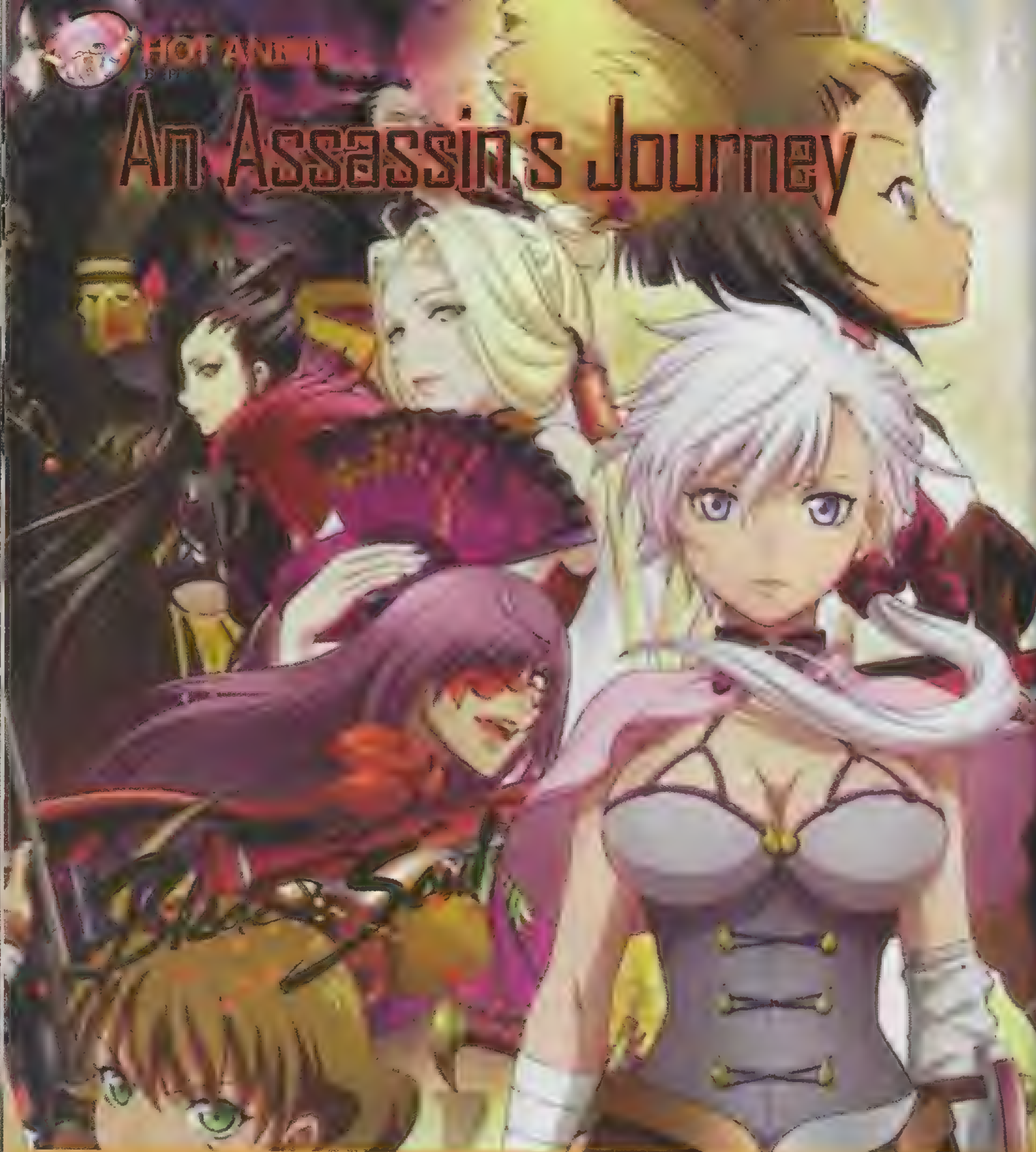
MICHU

fuki sarasu sono  
kaze ni nagasa rete  
ku kumo ni wa nani-  
takurai  
chikatta kako ni  
oikoshite kita mono  
wa damatte mune ni  
shimatta shita o  
muku na furikaeru  
na YEAH!

on the way to go  
kono michi wa  
doko made tsuzuku  
hohaba yori sono  
omo-sa ga daiji

on the way to go  
kono michi de  
tatta hitori demo  
waratterya dare ka  
ni todokukara  
YEAH!





# An Assassin's Journey

An assassin who wants to get revenge on her master's death, she walked on a journey to kill her master's murderer. On her way, she met different persons who will accompany her on the journey with their own tasks to finish.

**Aruka**, who lives as an assassin of the "Clan of Swords" vowed to find **Jin Valel** and get her revenge. The story of *Blade and Soul* is to walk the path through revenge.

Based from the famous Korean martial arts MMORPG developed by NCsoft, an anime adaptation of *Blade and Soul* was made by Gonzo. The characters are very appealing as it follows the story of the assassin **Aruka** of the **Clan of Sword** and goes to a journey, finding the killer of her master.



## Characters

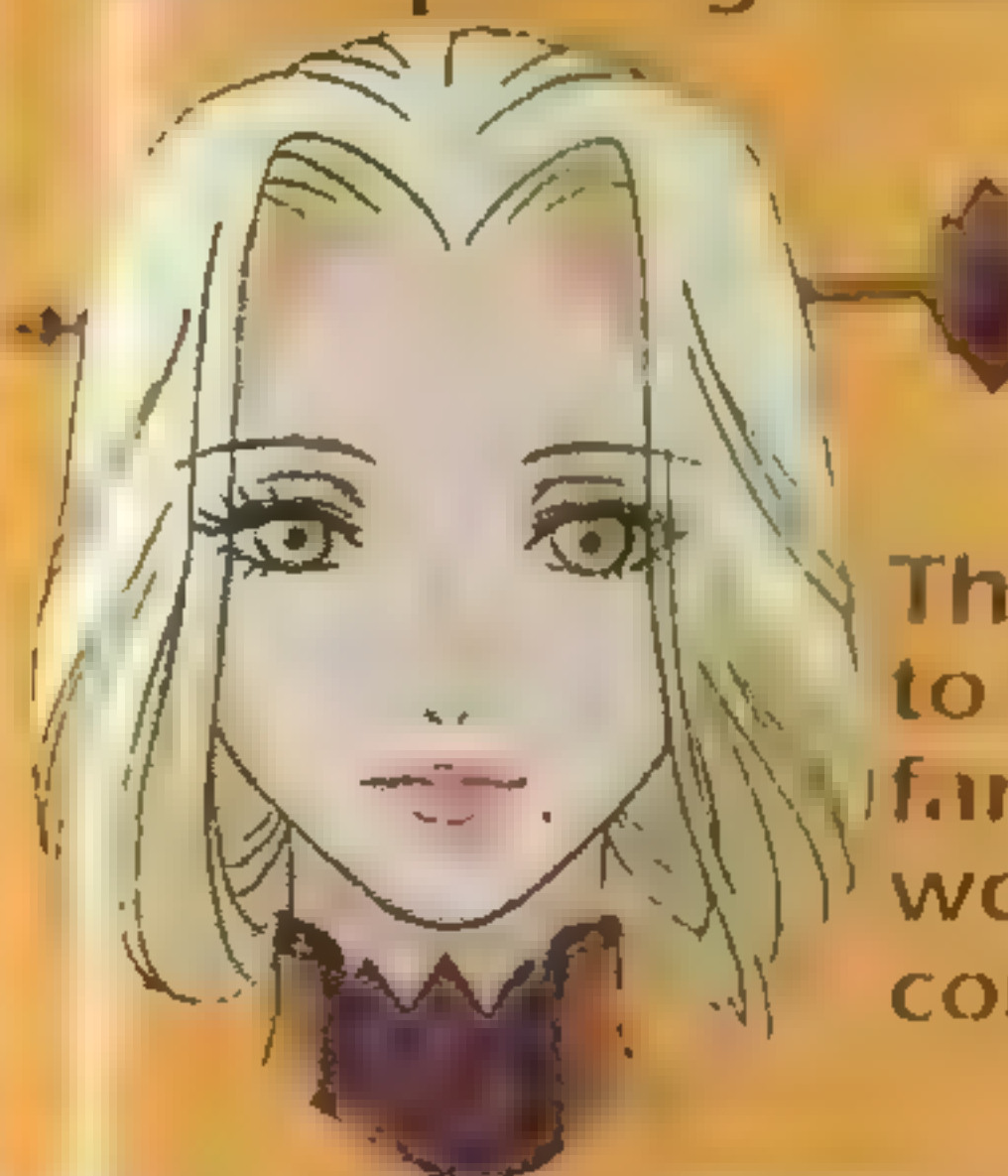


### Aruka

The main heroine of the story. She is an assassin, but she will later realize that she don't want to get back on her past life, and that is to kill to finish her job. She is straight-forward girl who don't hesitate to kill anyone if she needs to. Her fighting skills were been trained by her master, which were killed by Jin Valel.

### Hazuki Jin

A dirty mercenary and a bounty hunter, she is always seen to hunt people in the wanted list. She used guns as her weapons and a daily costumer in Tomon Inn. After she discovered Aruka on the wanted list whom she just met and treat her in a dinner, she started an assault to Aruka to get the bounty on her head. They fought and finish the match putting Hazuki into a defeat.



### Karen Elle

The proprietress and a performer of Tomon Inn and an acquaintance to Hazuki. Seems to be defenceless, she is quick with her weapon, a fan. She save Hazuki on her fight with Aruka. A business-minded woman, she is seem to dislike being involved in any fights and conflicts.

The show is flashy and full of action. If you want an anime series full of combats, you are reading the right anime for you. The story will give you a lot of twists and unpredictable paths, making you put yourself on the shoes of Aruka, to kill and accomplish your mission or be killed.

Watch *Blade & Soul* for more thrilling adventure.





## REVIEWS

written by: Pam

A fated encounter is one of the life time opportunities for us to change, to receive a gift and to meet a certain person.

# Atelier ~Alchemists of the Dusk Sky~ Escha & Logy

Atelier Escha & Logy: the Alchemist of Dusk Sky is an adventure, fantasy, and seinen anime originally created by Gust. The anime adaptation is produced by Studio Gokumi, Koei Tecmo Games Co., Ltd, Pony Canyon and Sotsu Co., Ltd.

The world is slowly nearing to its end, they call it the eventual arrival of the "Dusk End". The people devoted their research to rediscover and recreate the lost alchemic technologies. Central is the alchemy research city who gathered the rediscovered technology from the past era. Logix "Logy" Fiscario is an alchemist who left his old life in the Central to transfer to the understaffed town, Corseit to make use of his newest alchemic abilities.

He meets the young local alchemist Escha Malier who uses her knowledge of ancient alchemy to help others. On the very same day, they both officially assigned to help the Development Department Team. The two make a promise to use their alchemy techniques to bring the success to the Development Department. But still, what is this "Dusk End"? What will be Escha and Logy's role to resolve this problem?

It is originally a video game of the Atelier series such as Atelier Roronoa and Atelier Ayesha. Logy is voiced by Kaito Ishikawa and Escha is voiced by Rie Murakawa. Other voice actors such as Ami Koshimizu will voice Linca and Asami Seto will voice Wilbell Voll-Erslied.

Another Atelier series brought us not only one, but two protagonists who will let us see the awesomeness of being an alchemist. Adapted from the original video game, this series will give the audience the opportunity to know the story through watching rather playing and finishing the game.

Join Escha and Logy to save the world from the Dusk End. Play or Watch Atelier Escha and Logy: The Alchemists of Dusk Sky.

# ブラック・ブレット BLACK BULLET [黒の銃弾]

written by: Pam

Humans were forced to live within Monoliths, which are created from Varanium metal that is able to subdue Gastrea. Soon, the "Cursed Children", female children born with the Gastrea virus are able to control it and their abilities were discovered. Meanwhile, Civil Securities are formed to specialize in fighting against Gastrea, operating with the pair of an Initiator, who are the cursed children, and with a Promoter, serving to lead the cursed children.

Ten years after the war, Rentaro Satomi is a second year student in Magata High School, who used to accomplish dangerous tasks. He is also a member of the Tendo Civil Security that specializes in fighting against Gastrea. His partner, Enju Aihara, ten years old, is an initiator and a cursed child who has superhuman abilities. They received a special mission from the government; a top secret mission to prevent the destruction of Tokyo Area.

Black Bullet is an action, mystery, sci-fi and seinen anime written by Kanzaki Shiden and drawn by Morino Hon. It is produced by Kinema Citrus, Sentai Filmworks, NBCUniversal Entertainment and Orange Animation Studio. Yuuki Kaji will be the voice of Rentaro Satomi and Rina Hidaka will be voicing Enju Aihara. Other character, Kisara Tendo will be voice by the singer/seiyuu Yui Horie.

Where can you see lolis who fighting bugs? You can only witness it here at Black Bullet. This action pack anime gives the audience a new taste of apocalypse.

Watch Black Bullet and witness Enju's cuteness overload moments with Rentaro.





## ISSHUKAN FRIENDS



A friend is a person whom you like and spend time with. A friend supports and helps you when you need it. You cherish the memories when you're together. But what if they forget you in a blink of an eye? And it's as if they've never met you.

How would you feel?

Will you still remain friends with them?

Yuki Hase, a second year high school student who is poor at mathematics and he wants to be friends with his classmate, Kaori Fujimiya. Kaori, on the other hand, is good at mathematics but she seems to be cold to everybody. Yuki attempts to befriend with Kaori. She appreciated him but she rejected his advances. She likes to be alone and usually seen eating at the school's rooftop.

It is later revealed to Hase-kun that Kaori loses the memory of her friends except of her family every Monday. It is the reason why she is cold to everyone so it wouldn't be painful to her and her friends if she suddenly forgets them. This did not stop him from becoming friends with her despite that he needs to introduce their friendship every week.

Isshukan Friends or *One Week Friends* is a comedy, school life, shounen and slice of life anime by Matcha Hazuki. It produced by Brains Base, Sentai Filmworks and TOHO animation. The anime series have a total of 12 episodes. Yuki Hase is voiced by Yoshitaka Yamaya who is a new seiyuu while Kaori Fujimiya is voiced by Sora Amamiya who voiced Liliana of Log Horizon.

The anime that will give a very light feeling inside and the value of friendship over the memories you spend together, that is Isshukan Friends. A non-ordinary friendship, were you will be suffering a lot of memory loss but still have your friend at your side. This will give the audience of how strong Hase's determination is to be friends Fujimiya. It will give us the hope that everyone has someone to rely on and someone who wants to know us. The comedy scenes and light flow of the story gives us the bonus of the storyline that it not all about the tragic faith of Kaori, but the time both of them spends time together.

Have a lunch time with them every week and you will never ever forget to watch this anime Isshukan Friends.

## Sudden Death

Matcha, Earl Grey, Darjeeling, Jasmine and Milk Tea are just some samples of the tea we usually drink nowadays. From tea parties to tea shops, you can drink it even if it is cold. Not only is it good for your health, but also good for calming your nerves...

Hey! Just wait for a moment! The title is Sudden Death?! So why are we talking about tea here? Aren't we supposed to talk about something that is game-related?

Sudden Death is an anime that focuses on the story of Matsuri Koume and her friends as a part of the Tea Ceremony Club.

In tea gatherings, it is a custom to have snacks served at the same time. Koume, who really loves sweets, heard this from her friend Hiiiragi Sasuga.



Together with her classmates, Tsuchimikado Momiji and Yamada Mikaeru, they joined the Tea Ceremony Club. Managed by Ookouchi Ayame, the 11th grader president of the club, they embark on their daily lives as members of the club.



But that doesn't answer the initial question of, why is the title Sudden Death?

Sudden Death is also known as Sado-desu. Sado is the Japanese translation for the phrase, 'tea ceremony'. The anime is based on the 4-panel manga by Hatsuki Kyo and Nowa. As a manga that focuses on comedy, the title is based on an "it sounds like" kind of pun. Weekly Young Magazine started serializing the series back in 2012 while the anime adaptation is produced by Gainax and is set to premiere somewhere in 2014.

With the mixed personalities of the characters and unique set up of Tea Ceremony Club, you will definitely laugh to your heart's content watching this comedy anime.

## Characters:



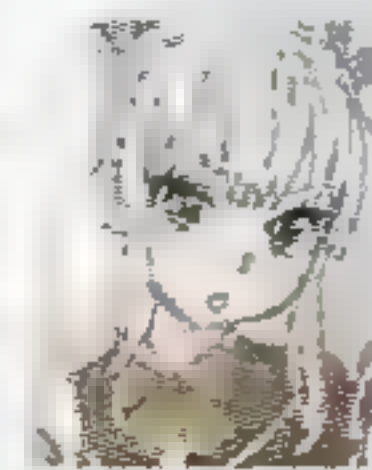
**Matsuri Koume**

She loves sweets and has a very positive outlook in life.



**Hiiiragi Sasuga**

She is the childhood friend of Matsuri Koume. She excels in both physical activities and academics.



**Yamada Mikaeru**

She is the twin pig-tailed princess-type who also happens to be a tsundere.



**Tsuchimikado Momiji**

The megane of the club, who is into collecting data.



**Ookouchi Ayame**

She is the president of the Tea Ceremony Club and an 11th grader with good looks and high sense of morality.





## REVIEWS

written by: Mikelle

# GLASSLIP



## Glass Slippers

"On the other side of the glass, you can see tomorrow."

Glass is an optically transparent solid material that has proven its worth in the history of mankind. Though the material is brittle and could easily be shattered even with a small amount of force, with proper handling and care, a glass composition could last for a decade...or even a millennium.

*Glasslip* introduces six high school students that meet during summer in Fukui Prefecture. Among them is a 17 year old local named Touko Fukami, whose life long dream is to become a glass artisan.

*Glasslip* is the next slice of life anime by P.A Works that was also responsible for *Tari Tari*, *Hanasaku Iroha* and *Nagi no Asukara*. Junji Nishimura, who also hadled *True Tears*, will direct the anime's production. *Glasslip* is set to premiere in Summer 2014, which coincides with the anime's setting while the theme song will be performed by ChouCho and nano.RIPE

The title "*Glasslip*" could be categorized as a Japanese pun for the words "glass" and "slippers" which references the famous Cinderella theme. The anime is also set in Fukui Prefecture and is famous for its coastal beaches which could trigger your summer soul!

P.A. Works never fails to deliver the tears and feels no matter the theme nor season, hence if your looking for an unforgettable summer escapade, then don't miss *Glasslip*!

## CONSULTATIONS: EVERYTHING UNDER THE SUN

School season is here once again, and with it comes the challenges of everyday life. Fret not, for help is here! All you need to do is let your voice be heard in the school newspaper. Don't believe me?

Enter the Kyuumon Gakuen Second News Club, a club which aims to help students with concerns about everything under the sun. That club is also the main setting of the upcoming anime, *Jinsei*.

*Jinsei* is a series about Yuuki Akamatsu, a boy who joins his school's newspaper club. Almost immediately, Ayaka Nikaido, the editor-in-chief, asks him to become a counselor of the club, where he is paired with three girls who give advice on student-sent issues. The three are Rino Endou, the science representative, Fumi Kujou, the literature representative, and Ikumi Suzuki, the sports representative. But there's one problem... the three can't seem to get their differing opinions to agree! Looks like Akamatsu now has a big task ahead of him as a fellow counselor in the club.

*Jinsei* is set to air on July of 2014. It is an adaptation from the light novel of the same name written by Ougyo Kawagishi. This adaptation will be done by Feel studio, which gave us titles such as *Da Capo* and *Outbreak Company*. With the show's premise, expect lots of comedy, some romance, and a slight dose of ecchi.

This should be one interestingly fun show, so be sure to check it out!



## Jinsei

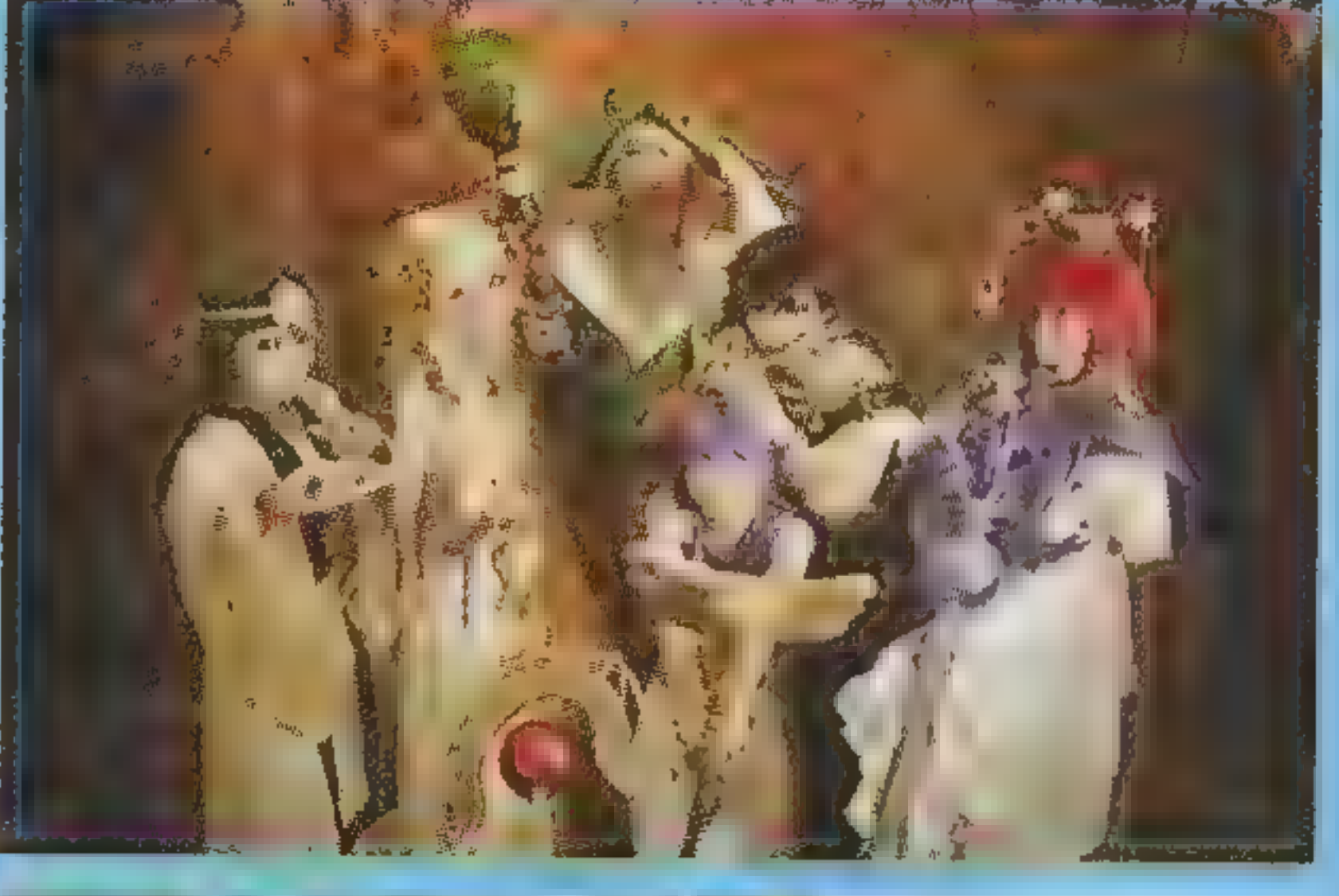
written by: John Robert





# LOKAL'TAKU

written by: Pam



# Urulc!

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The 4th Otaku Xperience is a Cybergaming Showdown theme last March 22, 2014 held at the SM Sta Mesa Cyberzone. It is the Annual 4th year anniversary of the founding organization which is Otaku U Rule.

Otaku URulc! is a network of campus based student organizations aimed to promote youth development through Japanese Pop culture. In 2011, the organization was recognized as one of the most outstanding student organization in the Polytechnic University of the Philippines. Today, the organization is composed of members from the different schools.



4th OXP is an activity where all the players have the chance to interact with other players who might play a common game. It is more on the social game interactions of the players with each other. The event has a lot of highlight activities such as the game

tournament competition, cosplay competitions, artist's corners, and stage game programs and of course, the sponsor booths. Wakfu Asia is one of the notable sponsor of the event same with Otaku Rama.



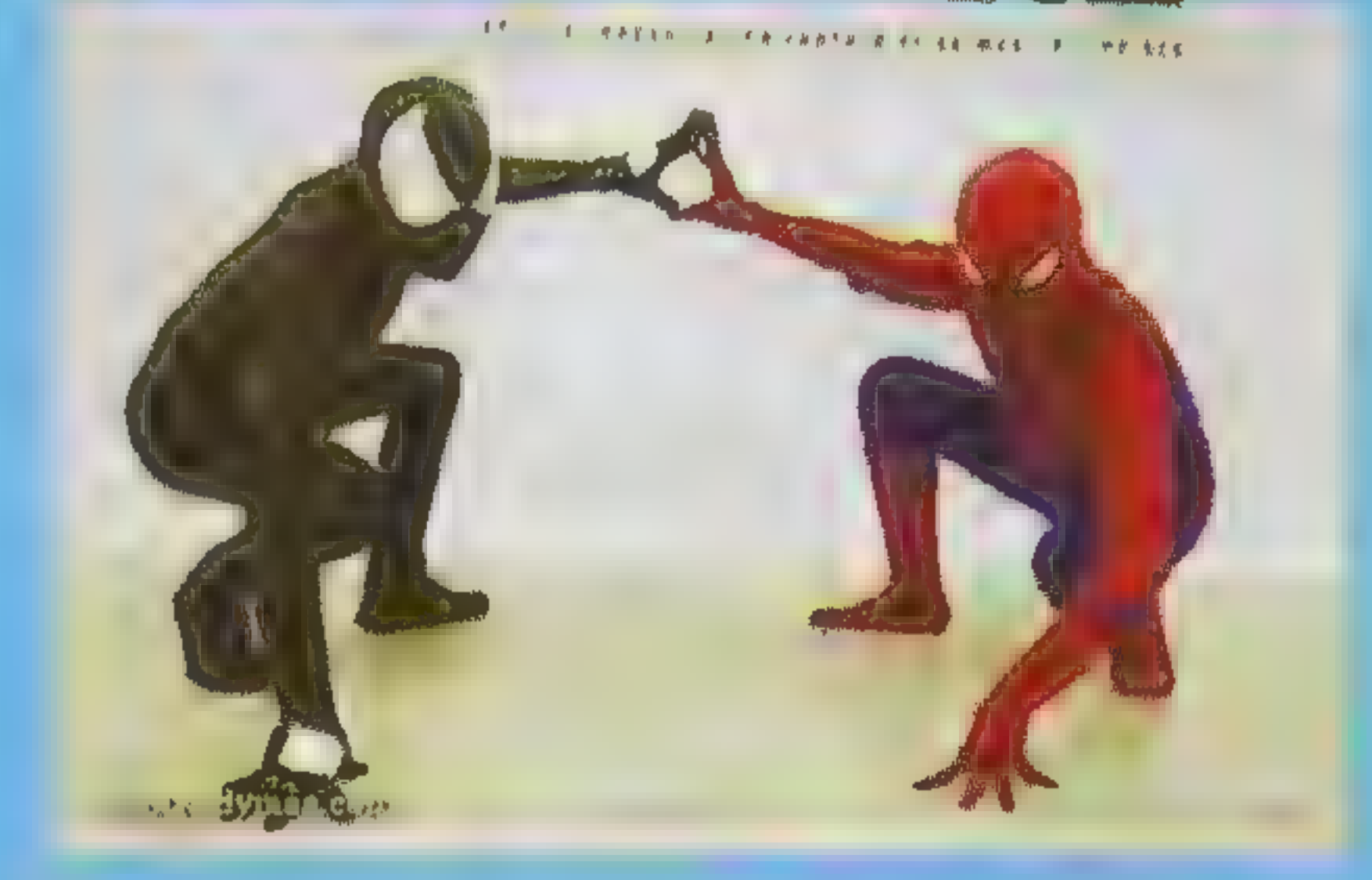
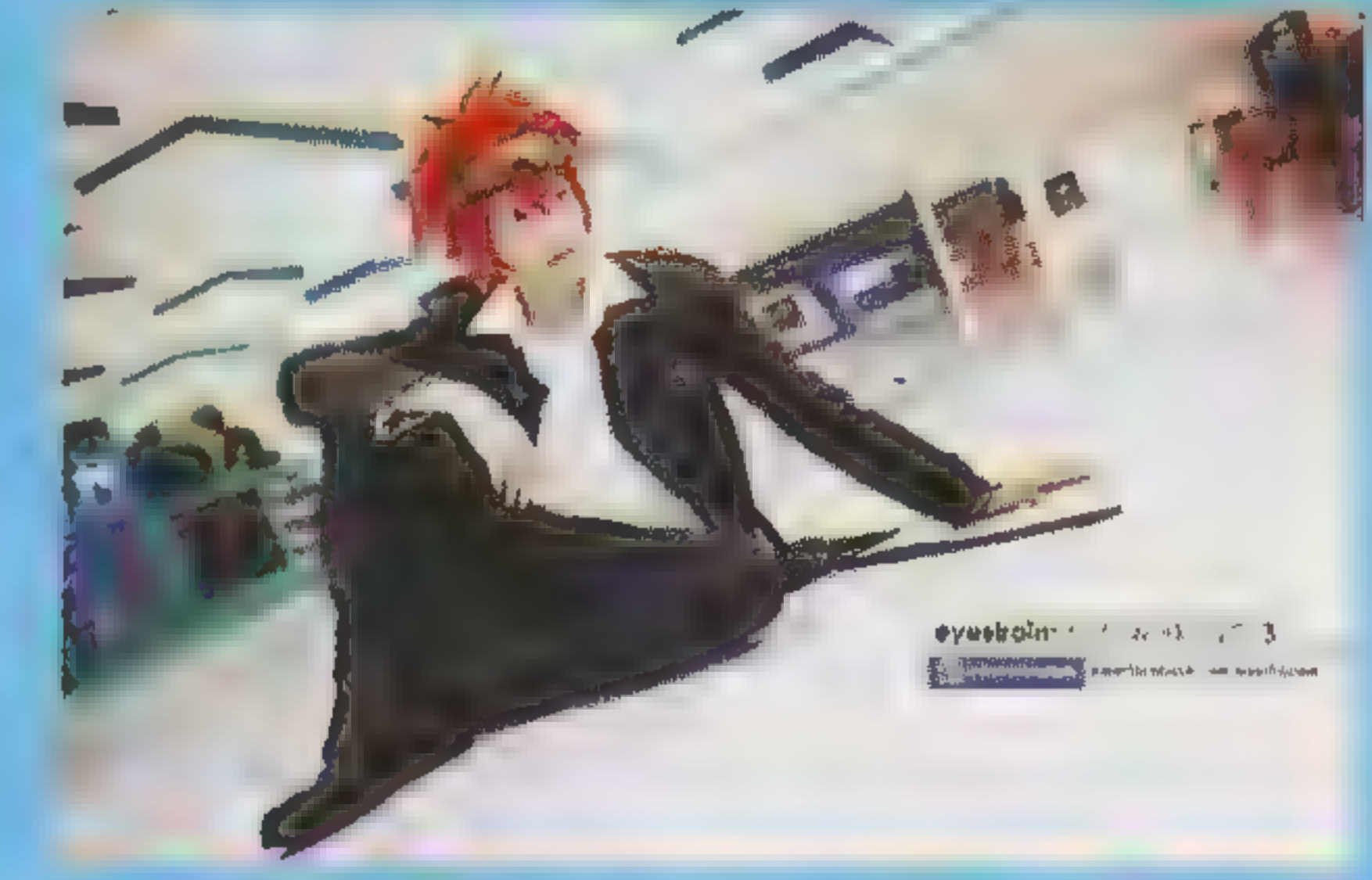
Wakfu Asia is a tactical online game which a turn base battle which a character can move on the battlefield composed of square tiles. While Otaku Rama is a online social media specializing in otaku's general categorize which is Jpop, Jrock, Otaku, Cosplayers and so on. They upload certain pictures & videos and update their profiles.



BOA or Best of Anime held their campus tour to choose the cosplayer who will participate in their All School Cosplayer who will present their designated university to win the competition The winners for the cosplay competition who are specifically a PUP (Polytechnic University of the Philippines) students shall present their school on the upcoming Best of Anime event on September. Variety of performer rock and live the stage with their awesome performance such as Seitki and Ikuzolwa. It also has a special number performance of the cosplay cover group of AKB0048/AKB48, Sugar48.

Otaku Xperience is indeed one of the successful events this year. Hope for more of the event of OtakuUrulc! next year's event and Xperience the fun and excitement of this event.

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## REQUESTS

written by Yani | requested by Alexia Nicole Sager

# Pretty Rhythm Aurora Dream



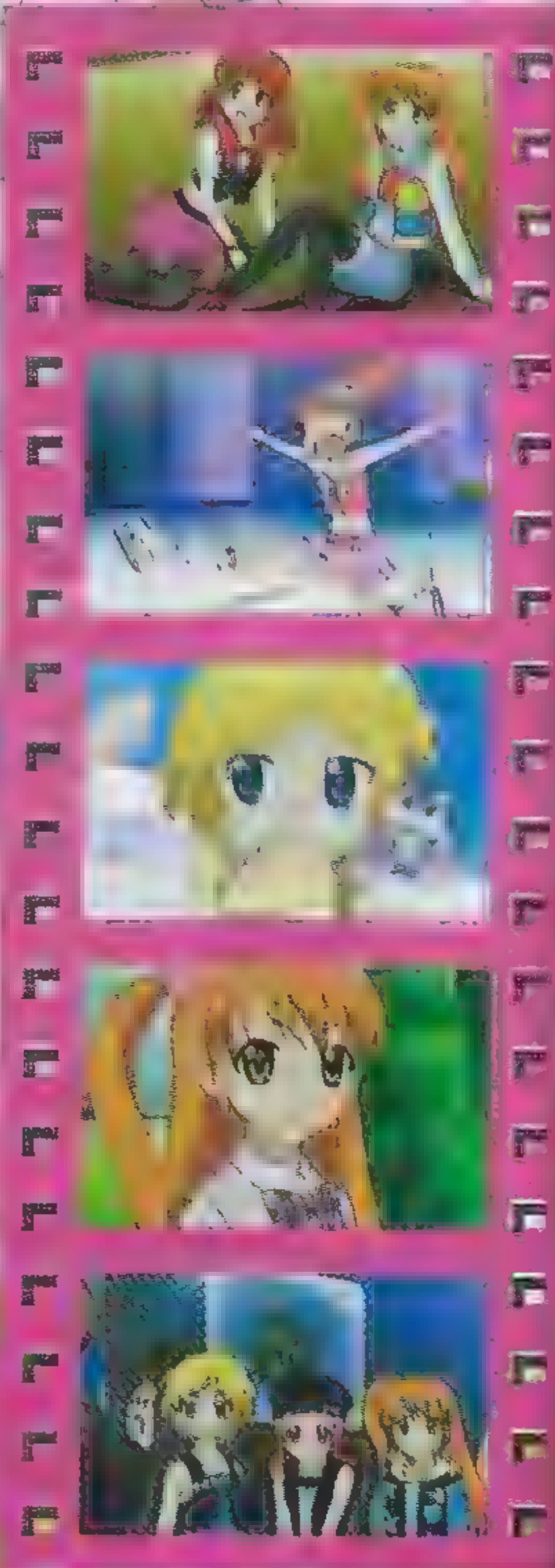
### DANCE WITH US!

Prism Show, a well known show where prism stars perform through dancing, singing, modeling and ice skating. Mion Takamine is one of the known idols of prism show who can do the famous "Prism Jump"; one of the anticipated parts of the show.

Enter Aira Harune, a girl who idolizes Mion Takamine, a veteran idol and a model who performs at Prism show and often calls her "Mion-sama". Aira is known to be clumsy and not very athletic however, she is good with fashion that took notice of Jun Takigawa, a staff of "Pretty Top" where idols of the Prism show studies/graduated. He also saw that Aira has the star aura so he scouted her to debut as a prism star together with Rizumu Amamiya, a girl who has also have the potential to become a prism star.

Pretty Rhythm: Aurora Dream is an anime series directed by Masakazu Hishida and written by Deko Akao. It is the first season of the Pretty Rhythm series and it has a total of 51 episodes.

Prism show, like any other shows bring happiness to the people watching it. Will Aira and Rizumu be able to become a prism idol like Mion and do the prism jump? Let's find out!



## A Dream

written by Yani | requested by Marinette Anolled

Magi is a story of middle-aged world where dungeons exist and slavery is common. Dungeons in this world are mystical tall towers that is the lair of powerful beings called Djinn. Our heroine Alibaba Saluja dreams of conquering dungeons to become rich. He joins forces with Aladdin, a traveler in conquering their first dungeon.

They met new people and formed new allies as they conquer dungeons along the way. Aladdin also learned that he is a magi; a rare class of magicians where they can enhance their capabilities through the use of magol. He decides that he will travel to Magnostadt in order to learn and become a powerful magi.

Magi: The Kingdom of Magic is a magical boy anime series written by Hiroyuki Yoshino and directed by Koji Masunari. The series was aired from October 6, 2013 – March 30, 2014; having a total of 25 episodes.

Will Alibaba succeed in becoming a magi? Will he be able to surpass all obstacles? Let's follow their adventures at Magi!

**MAGI**  
**魔**  
The Kingdom of Magic





# Virtual Idol!

## Aimi Eguchi



Aimi Eguchi is a pop idol born on February 11, 1995 in Saitama, Tokyo and joined the popular all-girl Japanese group AKB48 as a trainee. Want to know more about her?

Well she's actually not a real person but born out of the technology we have today.



After joining AKB48, she appeared in a commercial of Ezaki Glico to promote its Ice no Mi product. From this commercial, millions of fans of the groups were divided into speculating her existence and defending her humanity until Glico revealed that she was not actually human, causing disappointment in many fans.

She was actually a computer generated combination of the facial features of the members of AKB48: Atsuko Maeda (eyes), Totomi Itano (nose), Mariko Shinoda (mouth), Yuko Oshima (hair/body), Minami Takahashi (outline) and Mayu Watanabe (eyebrows). Aimi didn't only appear in the commercial but also appeared in magazines, photo shoots and has her own profile in the band's page until it was removed on May 2013.

Virtual idols continue to rise in the industry, like Hatsune Miku for example. You might want to check out Aimi Eguchi's commercial and see if she's human to you or not.





# THE EDGE OF TOMORROW



In every morning we wake up, we start fresh and with a clean slate. Still, we don't really begin from scratch after we awaken; we just continue living life as best as we can. But what if you could redo your life after dying?

Lieutenant Colonel Bill Cage (played by Tom Cruise) was given this ability but starting all over again could really bother anyone, especially if you seem to be doing it in an endless loop.

Directed by Doug Liman and starring Tom Cruise and Emily Blunt, *Edge of Tomorrow* is a science-fiction action movie by Warner Bros. and Village Roadshow Pictures, and 3 Arts Entertainment. It is set to be on the big screen this June. It was based on *All You Need Is Kill*, a Japanese light novel written by Hiroshi Sakurazaka.

The story follows Cage in an apocalyptic future as he searches for the truth behind his restarting abilities and fought in a war against the aliens called Mimics in order to protect the Earth from being conquered. He meets Rita Vrataski (played by Emily Blunt) who trains him to become more skilled in the battlefield. Together, they venture into a combat that would take them to the edge.



Will they be able to defeat their enemies and find purpose in their existence? Or will they be stuck in time and space for all eternity? There is but one way to survive: live, die, repeat.

## Discover the Truth *Maleficent*

written by Ann

It was said that "Maleficent doesn't know about love, or kindness, or anything about helping others" from the classic *Sleeping Beauty*.

But all of us were mistaken. Maleficent knew about all these things but something evil drove her to curse the princess.

The truth about *Sleeping Beauty*'s enemy is unfolded in a fairy tale story where the main character is the villain.

*Maleficent* is directed by Robert Stromberg and produced by Joe Roth. Playing as Maleficent is Angelina Jolie while Elle Fanning takes on the role of the princess Aurora, and Sharlto Copley as that of King Stefan.

Discover the tale through the eyes of our villain who gains courage to fight for the things she love. It tells a story of friendship between her and the king which turned bitter because of greed and ambition.

In such betrayal, she becomes consumed with hatred and revenge. It is thus where the classic tale began, and so, we realize that what we have witnessed before was just a puzzle piece of a bigger picture.



More mysteries wait to be answered. Where did Maleficent acquire her great power? What exactly happened between her and the humans for them to wage war against each other? And will Aurora remain a damsel in distress or will she be an instrument to Maleficent's grand scheme? Let us clear the mists shrouding reality. After all, the truth is never as simple as it seems.



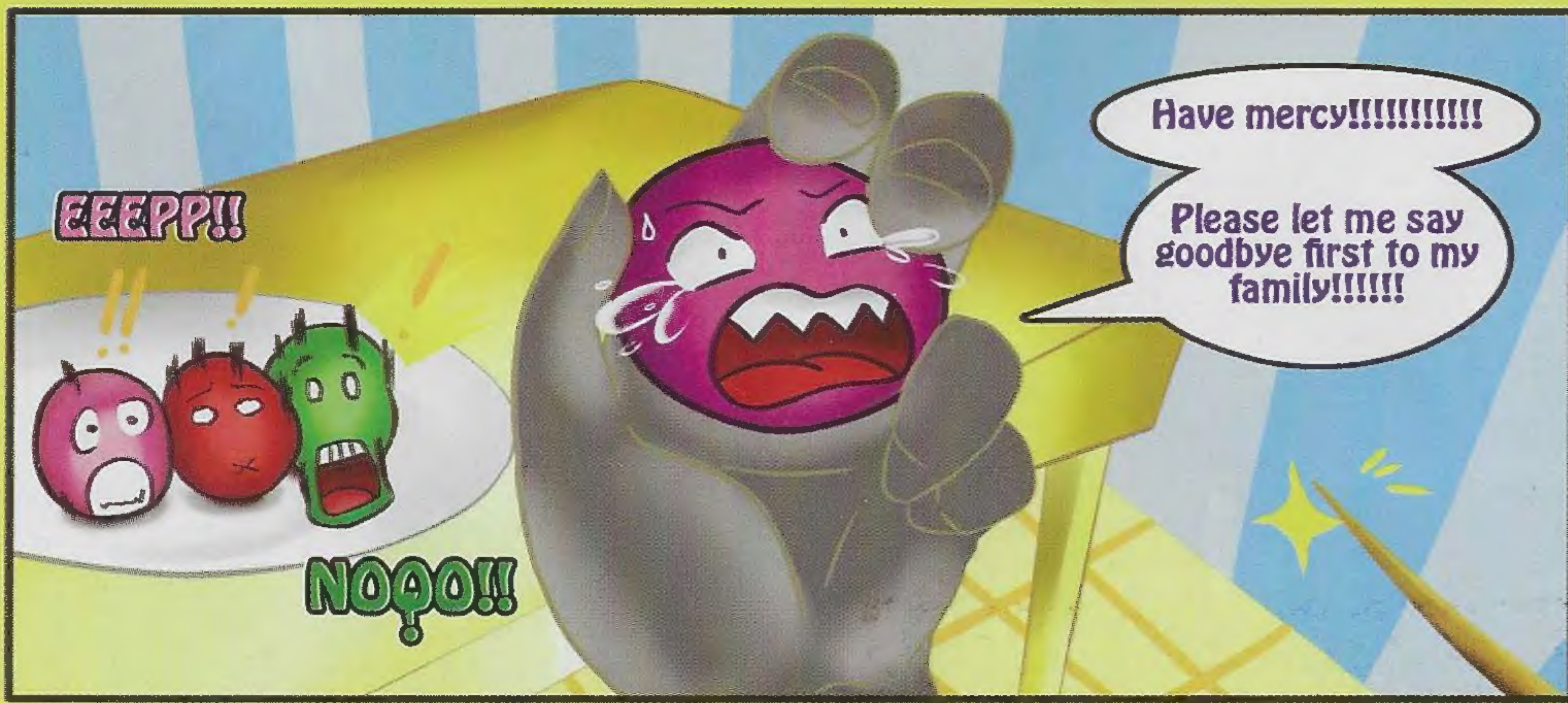
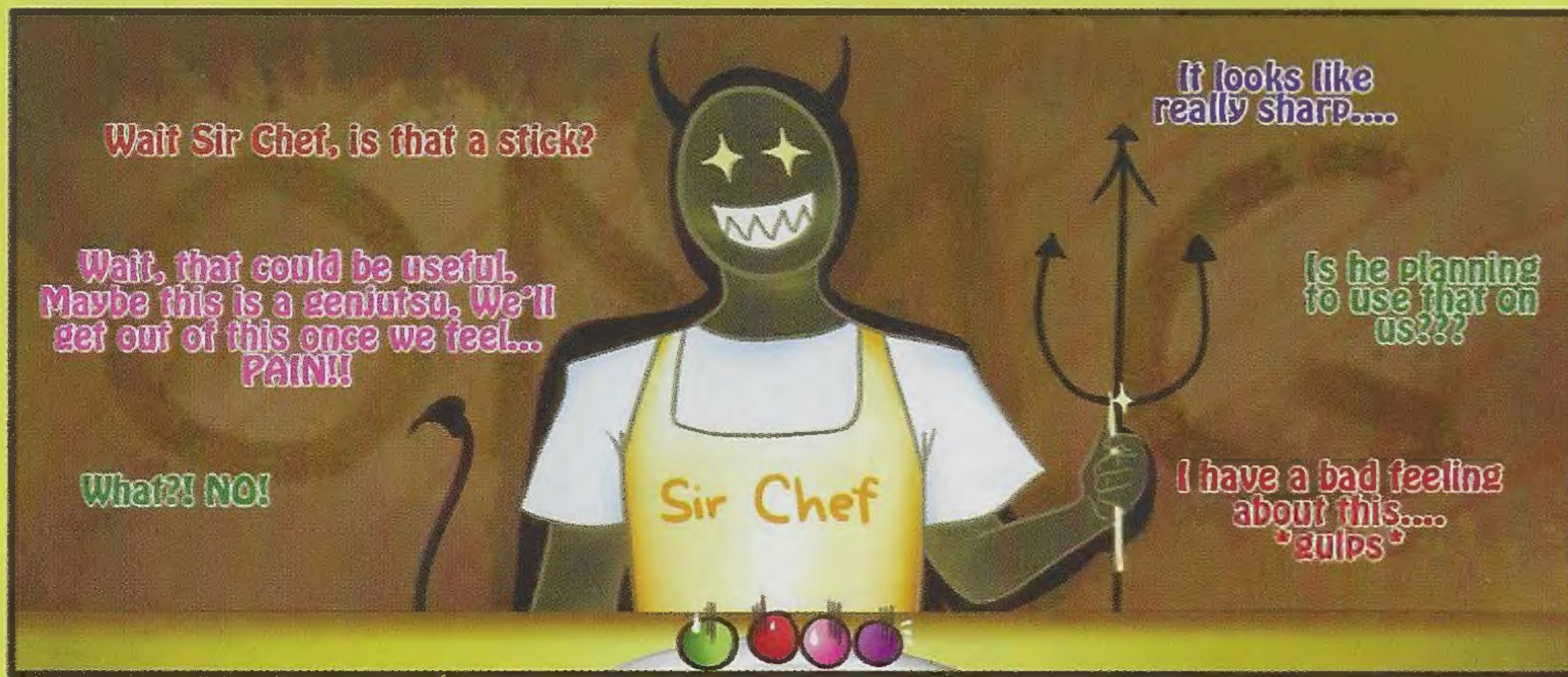


# A DANGOrrific Story

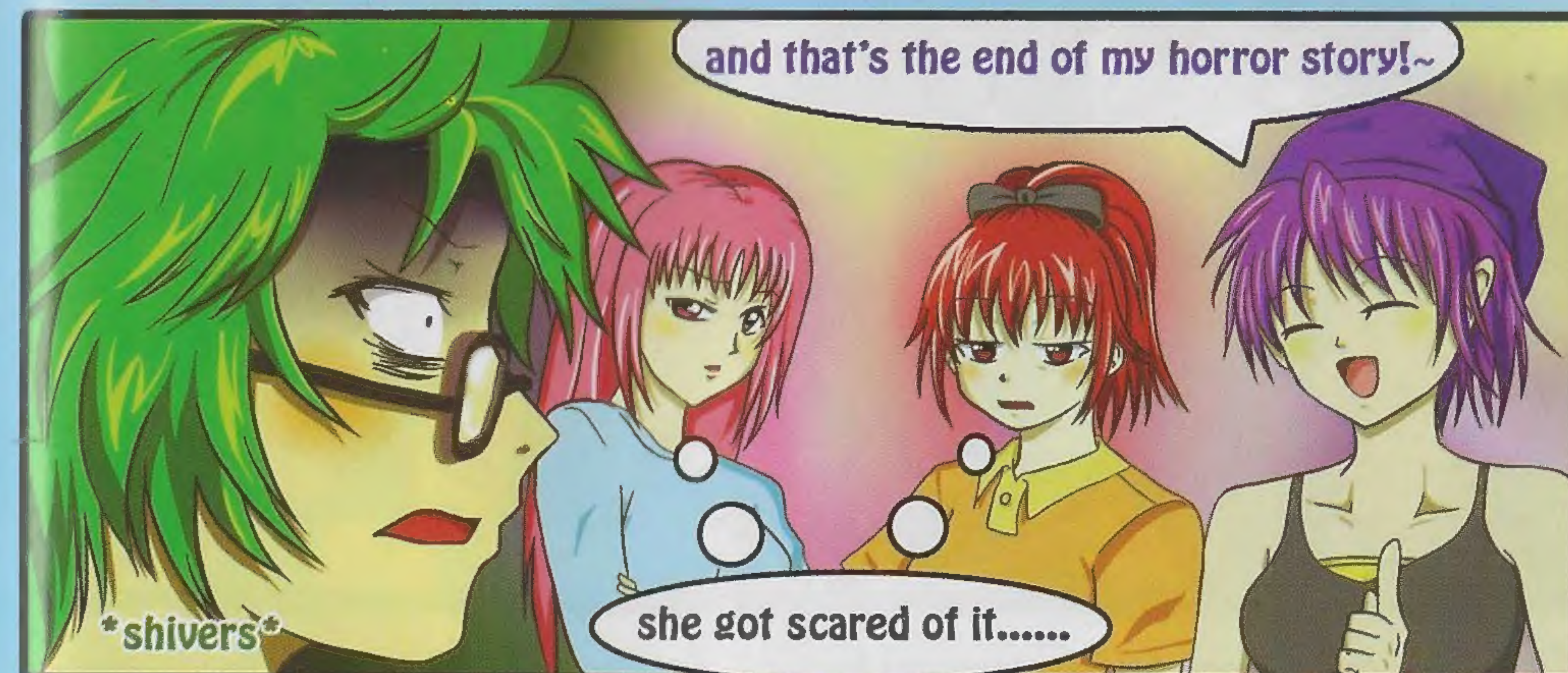
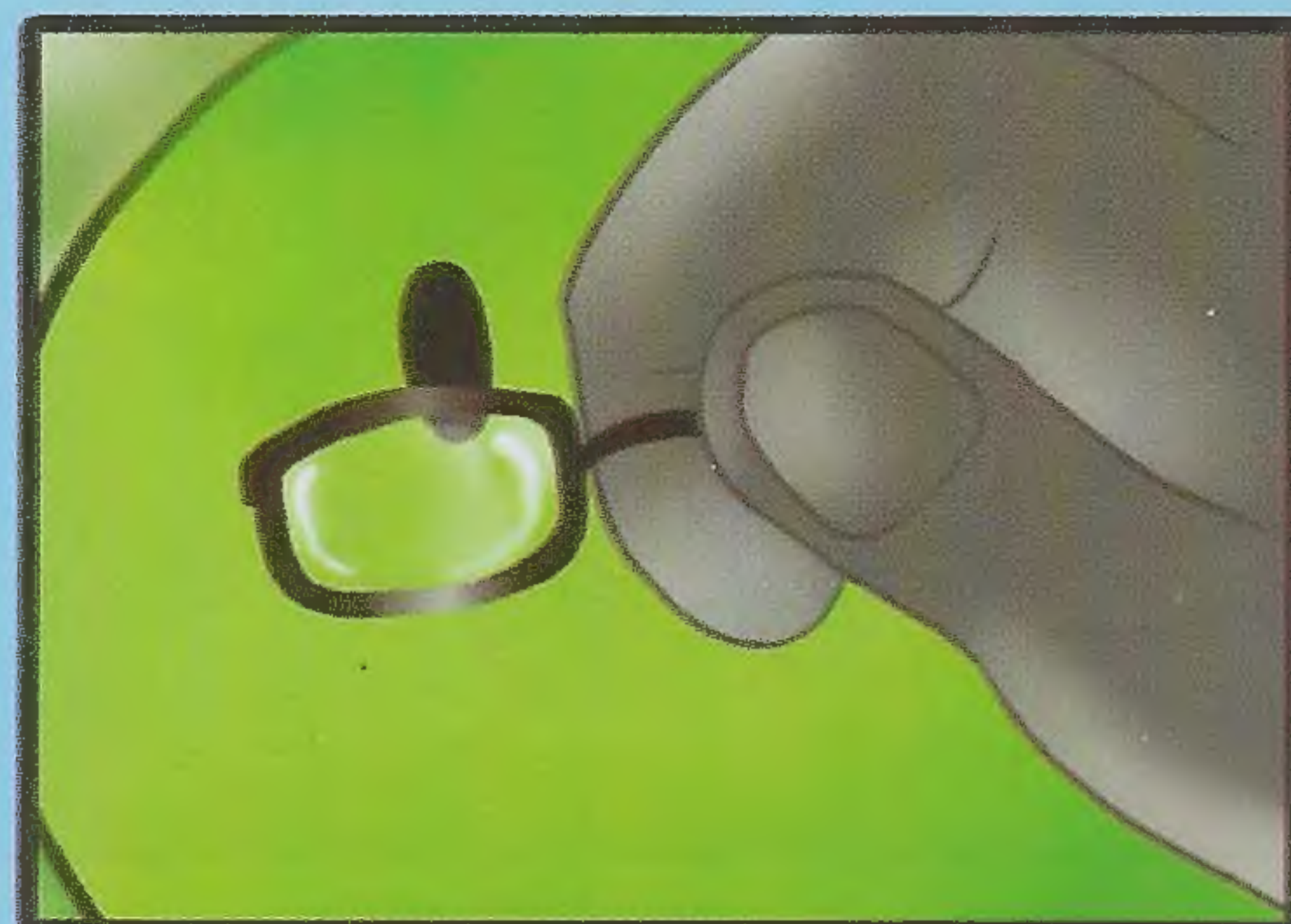
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Once upon a time.... In a faraway land called the Dangoland where all dango's live peacefully..... well not all, especially our 4 heroines. They suddenly find themselves became dangos and got transported into this world.







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As students, we are often reminded to study hard and do our best. Indeed, learning is not just to get us busy but to impart to us the value of working hard in order to reach our goals. If you still don't understand just what it means to work hard, just check out Hikari Hanazono, a high school girl who, ever since being defeated in their wrestling match when they were six years old, vowed to defeat her rival, Kei Takishima. To fulfil such a promise, Hikari entered the elite school Hakusenkan in which she became part of the group of top seven students called Special A.

Hikari is seen to be doing her best while tirelessly challenging Kei. Even though Kei recognizes her perseverance, he cannot help being number one because he has been gifted with so much potential since he was a kid. Because Hikari only sees Kei as a rival and a friend, she cannot see through how much he cares about her. He had developed feelings for her because of her amiable personality, her unrelenting support to others, and her serious passion for fairness.

Special A or S.A. is a romantic comedy anime first written as a manga by Maki Minami. In 2008, it was released in 24 episodes and was even aired in the Philippines in a local TV channel the year after.

S.A. is truly an engaging must-watch because it has multifaceted stories about each character but does not compromise the central story of our heroine. Although characters that are too dense to notice someone's feelings for them is a common anime theme, Hikari's adventure (or misadventure) with Kei makes for a scenario that is closer to how people who are still at bay from directly expressing their love feel. Surely, a lot of us can relate to the feeling of being so close to getting that someone to realize how much we worship them, and yet we feel how it all falls apart when they actually don't believe it's true!

Brimming with good feels and funny antics, Special A is sure to remind you just how fun school life is, especially if you have friends with whom you can share fond memories and make out the best even during the bad times.





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